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Chapter 271 Why Are You Here?

The six of them sat around the table in the aquarium restaurant and had a pleasant dinner.

After dinner, they looked around for a little while before returning home.

Once they were back in their room, the four children placed the group photo with their mother and Hanson in it at the most obvious position on the desk so that people could see it once they entered the room.

Before going to bed, the kids even took a few more glances at it. As darkness seeped into the night, the kids fell asleep with smiles on their faces.

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At TBS Broadcast Station, the program, 'The Voice', had gone through two rehearsals before it officially proceeded to the next round of the live broadcast competition.

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At the same time, Vania officially signed a contract with the production team as a guest judge.

The live broadcast would start at 8.00PM tonight, but she arrived an hour earlier.

Arriving at the venue, she quickly entered her private dressing room without attracting much attention.

She had already greeted the production team and she wanted to keep her appearance a secret before the live broadcast started.

Didn't Melanie want to debut in the entertainment industry through this show?

Vania reckoned that her sudden appearance would definitely surprise Melanie.

However, before she could take a seat in her dressing room, someone pushed the door to enter.

"Hanson?" Vania exclaimed when she saw the person coming.

He was wearing a suit and leather shoes, but there was a thick bandage wrapped around his right hand that made him look a little silly.

Hanson came in and pulled Vania to sit down in a calm manner.

She blinked at him and questioned, "Why are you here?"

Hanson gave Larry a look, so Larry stepped forward and informed Vania formally, "The production team invited our president to be a judge."

When Larry said that, his face did not turn red and his heart did not even skip a beat even though he was lying.

His president had obviously bought his position as the judge. He spent tens of millions to sponsor the show and became an investor. Then, he used his identity as an investor to force the production team into making him a judge. In truth, he was not invited by the production team at all.

Hanson nodded, indicating that what Larry said was right.

Vania blinked in confusion, asking, "Um... Do you know a lot about music?"

He trusted her a lot, so he answered, "It's fine as long as you're there. I'll listen to you."

The implication was that as long as she liked the candidate, he would go along with her. If she did not like a particular candidate, he would not pick them either. He was a judge with no opinion.

Huh? Did it really work that way? "Haha." Vania chuckled awkwardly. Hanson's words rendered her speechless, so she could only pray for the contestants.

In her heart, she could not fathom what the production team was thinking. The decision to invite Hanson as a judge was probably the most unprofessional act in a music talent show.

Seeing Hanson sitting in her dressing room, Vania asked casually, "Didn't the production crew prepare a dressing room for you?"

Hanson answered brazenly, "It's broken."

That sentence made Vania and Larry stunned. Larry slapped his forehead with his palm as he wondered why his president would say that the dressing room was broken. Why couldn't Hanson be straightforward and say that he wanted to be with Miss Vania?

Then again, what was Larry expecting from a straight man?

Larry had no choice but to lie on behalf of his president and confirmed, "Yes. For some reason, the door to his dressing room couldn't be opened, so we assumed it was broken."

Oh? Before Vania could nod her head, there was a knock on the door of the dressing room.

Everyone instantly turned their gaze at the door. After getting permission from Vania, the staff in the dressing room went to open the door.

As soon as the door opened, a woman with a crew tag came in, looking anxious.

Chapter 272 Sorry For Disturbing You

The crew member nodded politely at everyone and apologized, "I'm sorry for the sudden intrusion."

When she scanned the room and spotted Hanson, her eyes brightened.

Then, she greeted him, "Hello, President Luke, I've been looking for you for a while now. Turns out you're here. Haha, your makeup artist has been waiting for you in the dressing room for a long time. Now that the show is about to start, would you kindly return to your room so we can get you ready?"

The staff was extremely polite.

arrival, they had already made preparations in advance, but they did not see Hanson at all after waiting for a while. Now that the show was going to start soon, they feared that it would be delayed, so it was a relief that she found him in Vania's room.

However, the person in charge did not expect that after she finished speaking, Hanson's face turned cold.

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In an instant, a ghastly silence enveloped the room and made the atmosphere so awkward.

Larry looked ashamed because he did not expect their lie to be exposed so soon.

Since the person in charge was not aware of the situation, she was confused. All she did was explain the situation, so why did President Luke look like he was going to kill someone?

The stage director and program director had reminded her many times to be careful when serving Hanson.

If the crew member was the one who infuriated President Luke, she would be guilty of a serious crime. In the worst-case scenario, she might even lose her job.

She did not say anything inappropriate, did she?

Thousands of possible scenarios had already appeared in the staff's mind within a minute.

"Uh..." She opened her mouth in an attempt to explain, but before she could get any word out of her mouth, Larry dragged her out of the door at lightning speed.

At this time, he desperately needed a rewind button so that he could save his president from being embarrassed.

They were just talking about the door being broken and in came the staff member who mercilessly exposed them. What would happen to his president's pride?

After he dragged the staff out, they returned in less than thirty seconds.

Larry looked the same as before, but the staff member's expression was obviously apologetic and a little fearful.

It was especially after seeing Hanson's stern face that she was even more nervous and frightened. When she came in, she quickly apologized, "I'm sorry for disturbing you, President Luke and Ms. Greyson."

After that, she turned to Hanson and said, "President Luke, I apologize on behalf of my staff who failed to do a good job in their preparations which resulted in your broken door. I hereby sincerely apologize to you. We've sent someone to get the repair work done now. I hope that you will forgive us this time."

After that, she turned to Vania and added, "I'm really sorry to bother you too, Ms. Greyson. Do you think it will be convenient for President Luke to get his makeup done and rest in your dressing room? It's our mistake this time that was caused by the negligence of our staff, so I am really sorry for the inconvenience caused."

The attitude of the person in charge was so sincere that Vania could not bear to refuse her, so she agreed, "Sure. Don't blame yourself."

The person in charge quickly thanked her, "Thank you so much. I shall take my leave now and leave the makeup artists to get their work done. Please call me if you need anything else."

Vania nodded and replied, "You're welcome."

Throughout their whole conversation, Hanson's poker face remained as he never uttered a word.

This time, the person in charge could only glance at Larry, waiting for any kind of instruction.

When she saw him nodding, she scrambled out of the dressing room as if trying to run for her life.

All she said before leaving was a quick, "Please excuse me."

After walking out of the door, she took a few breaths before calming down, thinking to herself, Thank goodness President Luke didn't hold me accountable.

#### Chapter 273 Return To Me What You Owe

After watching the staff leave the room, Vania smiled and patted Hanson on the shoulder, as if to say that she already knew what happened.

Hanson gestured to Larry with a look. After that, Larry led the staff out of the dressing room.

As soon as the door closed, only Vania and Hanson were left inside the room.

He stared into Vania's eyes in this lonely space.

When she saw the situation, every cell in her body was on alert. Her gaze looked defensive as she questioned, "What are you doing?"

How could she scare Hanson with that little power? Before she could react, Hanson took the upper hand and embraced her in his arms. Then, he spoke in an aggrieved tone, "I just wanted to stay with you for a little longer, but I was ruthlessly exposed by that ignorant staff."

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As he spoke, he brushed her hair with his fingers as he continued to complain, "At home, the four little guys always get in our way, but no one is here to interrupt us anymore."

Almost instantly, he masked the look of grievance and complaint as he stared into Vania's eyes deeply while uttering, "Van, I think I know what it means to like someone now. I can tell you confidently that I like you."

Vania looked at his affectionate eyes as if attracted by him.

When she stared at him without moving and heard him confessing to her, Vania's heart fluttered and every single cell in her body was jumping in excitement.

At this moment, she seemed to realize that she also had feelings for Hanson.

Leaning over, Hanson wanted to kiss Vania on the lips, but he was ruthlessly pushed away before he could get close.

Vania was shy. Her cheeks flushed a shade of pink as she casually made up an excuse. "I've got lipstick."

If they kissed, her lipstick would definitely be rubbed off.

This was her reason for rejecting Hanson.

Listening to her words, Hanson stopped to stare at her red lips for a while, but Vania could not tell what he was thinking.

Feeling bashful, Vania dared not look him in the eye.

Hanson gently caressed Vania's face with the pulp of his fingers. His fingers were so hot that it felt like a burning sensation on her face. Her already delicate and rosy skin instantly turned as red as a delicious, tender, and supple apple.

With that, he held back and uttered reluctantly, "Okay. I'll remember this. You can return what you owe me after the show ends."

A suspicious Vania glanced at him. How did he manage to put two and two together like it made sense?

Moreover, she clearly showed her rejection of it. How could he claim that she owed him?

Facing Vania's doubtful eyes, Hanson chuckled lightly and uttered meaningfully, "But if you pay me later, I'm gonna charge you an interest."

Interest?! Vania could not believe her ears. She was starting to worry that she had trouble hearing.

What did he mean by interest? She did not know what Hanson would do to her next. Could he...

Somewhere in the depths of her mind, age-restricted ideas were starting to surface. Pulling her clothes close to her chest, she thought she ought to stop imagining things.

Even though they were not married yet, it was simply unacceptable to her. Moreover, though she would accept him, he had not officially confessed to her yet! Anyway, if they did become a couple, she was not going to do anything rash.

Seeing Vania getting defensive made Hanson chuckle.

Ruffling her hair, he inquired, "What's going on in that mind of yours? Hmm? Who told you I would do that to you, huh?"

Chapter 274 Was Hanson Here?

Vania was embarrassed at first and was on guard against him. Seeing him reaching out and rubbing her hair, she subconsciously became nervous before she glared at Hanson for his bad behavior and motioned him to shut up.

However, he obviously did not intend to shut up. Inching close to her ear with a smile, he said lightly, "I just want a longer kiss. What were you thinking, hmm?"

"Shut up, Hanson Luke," she called out angrily. What the hell?

Her response elicited another burst of laughter from Hanson. He was laughing so hard that his chest was heaving up and down, showing that he was in a good mood now.

However, Hanson looked even more like a villain in Vania's eyes.

"I'm ignoring you." Vania could not beat him because she could only surrender in front of Hanson. That was due to how shameless he was.

Vania got up and wanted to distance herself from him, so she went to the couch opposite him.

His hands were quick to yank her back down on the couch, though. Before she could respond, she fell directly into his arms.

Hanson kissed her forehead gently, saying, "This is your punishment for leaving me."

"You..." She was even more annoyed now.

He was not satisfied yet, but the moment he lowered his head, there was a knock at the door of the dressing room again.

His face turned cold almost instantly.

"President Luke, Miss Vania's live broadcast is about to start." It was Larry's voice.

Hanson hummed, released Vania, and opened the door.

"Ouch." Larry was taken aback by the sudden opening of the door and almost fell to the ground. He was knocking on the door, so he did not expect his president to open the door so quickly. As a result, he knocked his head on the door and lamented, "Ouch, it really hurts."

Hanson gave him a sideways glance and buttoned his cufflinks, uttering, "If you didn't try to eavesdrop, you wouldn't have hurt yourself."

In order not to cause Vania any inconvenience, he took Larry and left first.

Larry could only sigh and follow him. He shouldn't have tried to eavesdrop.

Vania, who was standing behind Hanson, thought that her vision was blurred. After rubbing her eyes, she wondered, Didn't Hanson use his right hand to button his cufflinks?

Can his hands move now? She made a mental note of that and followed the staff to the stage for preparation.

At the backstage entry area, since Melanie was a contestant, she was on standby in the public waiting area.

The man who just passed by was just a figure that entered her field of vision, but this figure was so profound that she seemed to only notice him even after so many people had passed by this area.

Was Hanson here?

She rose to her feet in suspicion and wanted to chase the man but was stopped by the on-site manager. "The live broadcast hasn't started yet. Do not move around at your own will."

Melanie frowned and wanted to scold him, but before she could do it, she recalled what Chris told her.

Eventually, she could only suppress her dissatisfaction, snorted, and took a seat.

Melanie could not help but start to analyze. Before this, she had sent someone to find out who the judges were for the show many times but could not find anything. She wondered how a small production team could organize such a large-scale talent show, so she thought they must have someone in control behind the scenes.

Now, it seemed that the person was Hanson Luke, but he was not interested in the entertainment industry at all, so why did he come?

She had a hint of doubt, but there was also hope in her heart. If it was really Hanson, she might have a chance to get close to him.

Chapter 275 Hubris

The program 'The Voice' had been auditioning for a long time. Moreover, its name was widely known. Even so, despite having an audition, the ten contestants currently participating in the competition were predetermined.

These ten people would go through a series of ten competitions and a winner would be chosen from among them in the end. The winner would then sign a contract with an agency for a full-service package and debut in the entertainment circle from then on.

In this regard, Melanie was extremely confident. She believed that she was perfectly capable of winning first place. The situation will be different from how it is now when I appear in front of Hanson again after winning the championship.

While she was immersed in her delusions, she saw a girl entering with an assistant. This person was the last of the ten people to come in. When she saw that person, she was stunned for a moment before she immediately understood. It was Bella Godwin.

Bella was only famous thanks to her personal connections. That was something everybody knew.

Ignoring the gazes of the crowd, she boldly sat down on the chair with her name. This kind of behavior was very common in the entertainment circle as the ability to become popular was the hard truth in this circle. The people who disliked her were simply people who put in a lot of effort but were not as popular as she.

Unlike everybody else, Melanie smiled lightly because she knew about this girl. After all, they had participated in programs together in the past.

Acting so brazen even though she only just entered the entertainment circle... She sure does not know her place. But, I might be able to use her to suppress Vania. At this moment, her expression had already returned to normal.

Looking at the arrogant Bella, a solid plan to achieve her goal through Bella formed in her heart.

Although Melissa had plans to use Bella for her own benefit, she was in no hurry to speak to Bella. This kind of thing should be done slowly. Why rush to arouse the other party's vigilance? Nevertheless, her measuring gaze was discovered by Bella.

Bella looked straight at Melanie without flinching in the slightest. There was a slight sense of superiority as she looked Melanie up and down.

So, it's her. The girl who was exposed as a liar in public in the spokeswoman selection the other day. Many scandals also emerged following that incident, so her reputation remained very bad.

To think a woman like her can participate in this competition. The standards of this competition sure are low. Bella studied Melanie's appearance, which was quite outstanding. But, so what? At the end of this program, the winning position will definitely belong to me.

She had been sleeping with the director of this program for a long time now, and the director had repeatedly promised to make her the winner of this competition. Furthermore, she had emerged from the room of TBS Broadcast Station's station manager before her arrival here. Everything had been decided beforehand. That was why her gaze held a hint of contempt and arrogance when she looked at Melanie.

Sneering slightly, she didn't even bother with the surface niceties and looked away as if to display her arrogance.

Melanie was annoyed by Bella's contemptuous expression. This woman sure doesn't know her place. She is nothing more than a hostess with no background. What right does she have to compete against me?

If not for the fact that she was a little out of favor at the moment, she would never have allowed Bella to act so presumptuous. If this were in the past, she would have given Bella a taste of her palm with a resounding slap. Unfortunately, the present was different from the past. I'll let her off today. When the time comes, I'll show her my talents. I'll see if she still dares to be so arrogant at that time.

Ever since Bella gained some fame, she had indeed started to become conceited. She believed that she was invincible thanks to her connection with many investors and higher-ups. Therefore, she dared to treat everybody coldly without regard for the other party's background or identity. Her attitude was arrogant and prideful.

Chapter 276 Introducing the Judges

It was similar to how Bella treated Melanie this time. All she knew was that Melanie was a girl who had participated in the audition and suffered from quite a lot of scandals in the past. As for Melanie's



background and history, she didn't know a single thing. It could be said that she couldn't care less at all about what kind of woman she was facing. Her arrogance was insufferable.

All the preparations had been completed backstage, and the host's voice sounded from the live broadcast hall.

After hearing the host's opening introduction, all the participants set aside their scheming thoughts and became slightly nervous. Although these people had some background, none of them dared to guarantee that they would come out as the winner. At most, they wanted to use this program to gain more popularity.

They quickly straightened their makeup and clothes one more time. Then, they stood up and waited at the ready.

The host said, "Now, let's have the top ten contestants of 'The Voice' from across the country make their debut!"

The ten contestants emerged on stage based on the results of the audition. Both Bella and Melanie, who had strong inside connections, smartly gave up on taking the first place.

At present, Bella ranked third while Melanie ranked fifth. Both took up middle positions that were neither too conspicuous nor lagging too far behind.

The contestants stood in the middle of the stage. Following that, the host introduced them to the crowd one by one.

The host said, "Let us welcome the third contestant, Bella Godwin."

After hearing Bella's name, the netizens began to wonder.

'Is she the Bella Godwin who gave up on becoming Luke Corporation's spokeswoman previously?'

'She has been very active recently. Not to mention, she is gorgeous.'

'I can't believe she can sing too! Her professional abilities are excellent! Good luck! I'm looking forward to your debut!'

Her current reputation on the Internet was pretty good, so there were relatively more voices of support when she appeared on the stage.

Afterward, the live camera swept across Melanie just as the host announced her name.

The netizens were blown away in an instant.

'Are the people on the show blind!? How can they choose Melanie Greyson?!'

'I really want to see how Melanie Greyson is going to humiliate herself this time.'

“Maybe only her character is terrible, but her singing is alright. After all, this is a talent selection show for singers.”

‘With Melanie Greyson in the show, there will be more things to watch out for.’

‘Is she here for a clean slate?’

When it came to Melanie, the netizens’ tone was mocking. Nevertheless, there was a kind of popularity that was known as infamy. While the evaluation of her was not good, her name was successfully listed at the top of the trending topics. In addition to Chris pulling the strings in the background, the topic volume kept topping the charts.

Now that all the names of the contestants had been introduced, the camera panned over to the judges. The chairs of the judges were facing backward, so nobody could see the faces of the judges at the moment.

Melanie was currently staring at the chair in front of her. She had the feeling that that person was Hanson. Although his figure was completely blocked by the chair, she felt as though she could sense his aura through the air.

The host said, “Now, let us reveal the four judges of ‘The Voice’ in this ten-to-nine live preliminary competition! Introducing the first judge, Jeffrey Hudson.”

Jeffrey Hudson was a well-known manager of a record company who created a lot of music and boosted many singers to fame. He had extensive experience in the entertainment circle, so he was qualified to sit in the judges’ position.

Therefore, both the netizens and audience alike approved of him and showed their support for him in the live chat.

After the host had introduced the particular judge, the said person’s chair would then rotate to face the contestants and the camera.

#### Chapter 277 The Third Judge

Jeffrey stood up and warmly greeted the contestants as well as the audience that were present.

The host continued his introductions. “Let’s welcome the next judge, Ellie Roscorla!”

Ellie Roscorla was a popular singer who produced countless classics. Not only was she a gorgeous woman with a beautiful voice, she also had many older fans as well as a stellar reputation in the entertainment circle.

At present, the netizens had a high degree of approval for the first two judges who were both professionals. Therefore, they were very optimistic about the selection of judges for this talent competition.

The degree of online discussion on ‘The Voice’ increased sharply, but Melanie continued to dominate the top spot of the trending topics.

Meanwhile, the host continued his introductions. He was clearly a little excited when he came to the third judge, which increased the expectations of the audience even more.

“Hurry up and reveal the third judge! Stop teasing us! You’ve been secretive for long enough!”

“Let’s guess the identity of the third judge. Or, just guess whether it’s a man or a woman.”

As he was spurred by the enthusiastic discussion of the netizens, he loudly introduced the third judge. “Let’s welcome the third judge, Vania Greyson!”

Everybody was stunned when they heard the name ‘Vania Greyson’.

‘Vania Greyson of Galaxy Corporation?’

‘Did you hear wrongly? Are you sure it’s Vania Greyson?’

As the chair swiveled around, Vania revealed herself.

There was a series of gasps from the audience, then they immediately broke out into enthusiastic cheers. “Vania! Vania!”

When she heard Vania’s name, Melanie lost her balance in her pair of high heels and nearly fell down. Fortunately, the camera was focused on Vania at the time, so nobody noticed her nervousness and embarrassment. Even so, that did not reduce the doubts in her heart. Why is Vania participating in this program!? She doesn’t understand music! How can she be a judge!? It looks like my guess earlier was correct. If Vania is here, then that man is definitely Hanson. The two of them are truly inseparable.

When she looked at the gleeful Vania on the stage, the word ‘jealousy’ could no longer accurately describe her emotions at that moment.

The audience was still screaming and cheering. Vania’s current popularity was no less than the A-list celebrities in the entertainment circles. In particular, there was too much news on her in the past month or so. That was why her appearance caught everybody’s attention.

She waved her hands and took the initiative to introduce herself. “Hello, everybody! My name is Vania Greyson.”

“Ahh.... Vania! Vania!”

Amidst the screams of the audience, Bella, who was standing on the stage, was also astonished. The wretched situation that played out when she met Hanson at the last filming site had been witnessed in full by Vania. Hence, Vania’s presence as a judge posed a huge disadvantage to her. It looks like I need to think of a solution.

Both Melanie and Bella had their own ideas, but they shared similar anxieties. There was also one more point that they had in common—they wanted to bring down Vania.

They were not the only ones who disapproved of Vania as a judge since there were many unsupportive voices among the comments of the netizens.

'Vania is a designer. This is a music competition program. Inviting her to be the judge is a little thoughtless.'

'Looks like the program crew is aiming to hype things up. Vania and Melanie are together again. Who knows what unexpected events will happen again?'

'Vania is great, but she doesn't know a thing about music. Asking somebody who doesn't understand music to comment on the contestant... This program is not professional at all.'

'I hope they can replace her with a professional judge instead.'

This was the case on the internet. There were all kinds of opinions available. In contrast, those in support of Vania were abundant too.

'It's precisely because Vania doesn't understand music that she can represent the voice of the general public. That is because we can only tell whether the music sounds lovely or not. We can't discern the professional details, so we support Vania as a judge.'

Chapter 278 Final Guest Judge

'The show is gonna get interesting with Vania in it! Looking forward to it.'

'Oh, my queen! I really want to see her on a show with President Luke. I've rewatched their last commercial video so many times!'

'Vania, President Luke.'

'I want to see Vania and President Luke together.'

Somehow, the comment section evolved from the discussion of the professionalism of the judges to fans shipping the couple.

Netizens were all commenting on Vania and Hanson's names, obviously wanting to see them together.

Under the high level of excitement in the audience, the host announced, "Let's welcome our last guest judge—Mr. Hanson Luke, President Luke!"

Due to the loud cheers at the scene, the audience did not seem to catch the host's announcement, so there was a sudden moment of silence.

When they saw Hanson's face on the big screen, everyone responded with deafening screams.

The cheers were so loud that they seemed to be able to overturn the roof of a house.

Since it was a live broadcast, the software crashed the moment Hanson showed his face.

If it weren't for the foresight of the technical department who arranged for extra manpower to be on duty and raced against time to recover the software, today's live broadcast might not carry on so smoothly.

'Oh! It's President Luke! How could he be so handsome?!'

'My wish has come true. President Luke and Vania are finally in the same frame. Is my ship finally sailing?'

'Look! They're wearing couple outfits!'

Indeed, Hanson's tie and Vania's skirt were the same color, which was Hanson's intention.

His purpose was to let the public know that he was in a relationship with Vania. He wanted to tell the world that they were a couple.

Hanson never participated in entertainment shows, so when he suddenly appeared on screen, the netizens were drowned in excitement, no longer considering whether he was a professional judge or not.

That was right. Netizens had double standards.

As for the bandage on Hanson's hand, the netizens quickly noticed it.

Melanie and Bella, especially, were already planning to take the opportunity to talk to Hanson later.

After the host introduced Hanson's name, the audience at the scene almost went crazy. Even though he was holding a mic, the screams were so loud that they covered his voice.

Without a choice, the host had to pause and wait for everyone to calm down a little before picking up the microphone again. He then uttered humorously, "I'm honestly shocked by the enthusiastic response. Having two celebrity crushes here with us, you guys must be eager to get their autographs!"

"Hahaha..." The audience burst into laughter.

The host continued, "Ms. Greyson, President Luke, in response to the enthusiasm of our fans, please offer some words of encouragement to the audience watching our show as well as the candidates at the scene."

With a faint smile, Vania nodded in agreement and said softly, "Thank you for all your support. I assure you that I will be a fair judge throughout the competition. Also, please look forward to the end of the show for a surprise."

"Vania! Vania..." the fans responded enthusiastically.

It was just a trick to buy the people's hearts. Melanie, who had been watching Vania on the stage, did not believe that Vania would surprise the audience at the end of the competition.

This time, the host exclaimed cheerfully, "Thank you, Ms. Greyson. I hope the contestants will be able to give it their all this time."

Taking advantage of the crowd's enthusiasm, he exclaimed to Hanson, "Finally, let us hear from President Luke for a few words to the candidates and the audience before the competition."

Chapter 279 A Simple Sentence

"Ah—" The crowd cheered enthusiastically.

To be frank, the host was nervous to be interviewing Hanson. In fact, anyone present would more or less be nervous in front of Hanson. After all, his status was out of the ordinary, and his unapproachable front was quite daunting to a stranger.

On this show, however, Hanson seemed a little different from his usual self.

With a friendly look, he held the microphone with his left hand and said, "Ms. Greyson has conveyed my thoughts."

With that simple sentence, he ended his speech.

Unexpectedly, his simple sentence was enough to shock everyone.

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'Oh my! That's so sweet of him! Does that mean he and Vania had the same thought? Why are they being lovey-dovey in front of our salad?'

'Sounds like I'm comprehending it the wrong way. Did I just get bombarded with PDA?'

'Is that spark between them?'

Netizens on the internet had gone crazy because of Hanson's words.

Larry, who had been watching them from backstage, complained nonstop in his heart, I can't believe our president turned away countless program offers before this but is willing to spend a hefty amount to participate in this show. Even his character has changed!

As expected, the power of love hit differently.

After Hanson put down the microphone, his gaze landed and stayed on Vania. Anyone could tell how affectionate his gaze was.

All of a sudden, the air seemed to be filled with love.

Vania glanced at Hanson with blaming eyes. Why would you say such misleading words?

However, Hanson kept the smile on his face with infinite affection in his eyes.

Netizens took screenshots frantically because of the lovey-dovey moment as the couple made eye contact.

'Date each other already!'

'It doesn't seem like a talent show anymore. It should be a love show!'

'Candidates on stage must be questioning their choices...'

Indeed, the focus was now solely on Vania and Hanson.

Melanie could not stand their minor interactions at all. She wondered how far these two had progressed.

At the same time, Bella's jealousy was boiling within her. She had long coveted such a high-quality man, but she never had a chance to get close to him.

Now that they were assigned to the same program again, it seemed that they were really fated.

Therefore, she was not going to throw her opportunity with Hanson. She had to find a way to get her hands on him.

However, Vania was like a wall between her and Hanson. Every time she wanted to approach Hanson, Vania would appear.

Bella was starting to get annoyed with Vania, but currently, she had not yet reached the level of hatred.

Meanwhile, the judges and the contestants on the stage had all been introduced to the audience.

The contest was going to officially start soon.

In this competition, each contestant had to perform a complete song, including vocal and stage performance. The guest judges would make a comprehensive evaluation based on their performance on the spot.

Besides that, the guest judges had the right to request for the contestants to sing a little longer or perform given content during the selection process.

The scores would then be assessed based on the contestant's performance.

Finally, the judges' scores and the audience's voting scores would add up to the final score of the contestant.

The contestant with the lowest score would be eliminated directly, while the rest would enter the next round.

Up to this stage, all the candidates were somehow nervous.

After all, their purpose to participate in this show was to increase their popularity. If they were eliminated in the first round, their popularity would not increase, and they might even be flooded with criticism.

Chapter 280 She Doesn't Deserve It

The contestants were mostly cautious because of that as they hoped not to leave a bad impression on the audience.

With that, the competition officially started.

The first two contestants had a smooth performance.

However, the scores were not announced yet. They would be announced together after all the contestants were done with their performances.

Next, it was Bella's turn.

She majored in acting, so she was not a professional in singing. Moreover, she thought she had been appointed by default, so she did not even bother to go through any professional training in advance.

She randomly chose a song that she could sing from beginning to end and stood in the middle of the stage, ending her performance without any climax.

Although the first two contestants were not brilliant, they were able to pull off some moves. Bella, on the contrary, stood on the stage like a statue, motionless.

Among the audience, some people started booing her.

'How did she get into the top 3 during the auditions? She must have bribed an insider!'

'She can't even sing at the karaoke! She's not prepared at all.'

'Eliminate her. She's too bad.'

Doubts about her ranking rose while the good impression the audience had of her previously instantly dispersed.

After each contestant performed, they would stay on the stage for a while, waiting for the judges' comments.

Bella naturally did so too as she patiently waited for the audience's votes and the judges' evaluation.

Though she had presented a poor performance, she did not feel the slightest bit of worry.

The evaluation had always started with Jeffrey Hudson, so he picked up the microphone and offered a pertinent assessment. "This song does not require any technical skills. From your performance, I can tell that you are not suitable to become a singer."

Ellie gave the same advice.

Hearing that, the host asked Vania for her comments.

In a calm tone, Vania uttered, "The two instructors before me have already commented on professional issues, so I'll be commenting on your attitude instead. I don't think you're taking this competition seriously. You're not being responsible for your performance, nor for the audience watching."

Vania's critiques did not sound as professional after the audience heard the experts' analyses, but they were precise and easy to understand.

In the online chat room, netizens started cheering for her.

The comments from the first three judges clearly explained why Bella was unsuitable for the role and that she faced elimination.

Bella, on the other hand, was unaware and unconcerned as she merely stood arrogantly in the middle of the stage.



However, in front of the audience, she was not as cocky as usual. Although she was dissatisfied with Vania's evaluation, she still thanked Vania.

After that, she kept staring at Hanson. After all, Hanson's comments came next.

He had expressed his opinions on the first two contestants, but it was nothing more than one word: good.

Nevertheless, it was enough for Bella to look forward to.

Supposedly, Hanson had to give his comments first, but without even sparing a glance at Bella, he drew a big 'X' on his paper and threw it into the ballot box.

Seeing that, the host could only bite the bullet and remind him, "President Luke, we would like to hear your comments as well."

Without an expression, Hanson answered, "She doesn't deserve it." His voice was so cold that it could make one shudder.

Everyone at the scene did not expect him to suddenly turn cold.

The audience was speechless and in shock as they looked at Bella, who was standing in embarrassment on the stage.

In an instant, silence enveloped the whole scene. It was imaginable how lethal that sentence was.

Even the skilled host was now stunned as he stood on the stage holding the microphone and not knowing what to say. Such an embarrassing scene was irreversible, so he silently complained in his heart.