

Mr. Gu 281

Chapter 281: Seductress

With that, Xia Xue glanced at Gao Lin, who was standing at the side. Gao Lin instantly understood what Xia Xue meant and stepped forward.

Gao Lin gave an obedient smile and said apologetically, "Brother Cao, I'm really sorry for disturbing you. We'll leave now."

"There's no need. It's good that you're here." Brother Cao stopped Gao Lin, then his gaze fell on Xia Xue's face. He smiled and asked, "How's your music score practice?"

Hearing Brother Cao's question, Xia Xue's heart jumped to her throat. However, she still pretended to be calm and said with a smile, "Brother Cao, don't worry. I've been practicing hard. On the day of the concert, I'll definitely accompany Mr. Dong Hua in my best state."

When Brother Cao heard Xia Xue's words, he nodded in satisfaction and said, "It's great that you have such an idea. Take the opportunity since there are so many future big shots in the industry, and let everyone admire your playing."

Hearing Brother Cao's words, the onlookers immediately cheered.

"Sure, sure. We just heard Qiao Nian play the violin. Now, we can listen to Senior Xia Xue play the violin. The two of you can compete!"

"Wow, this is like a fight between immortals. My ears are blessed today!"

"I think Senior Xia Xue will definitely play the violin better than Qiao Nian. After all, Senior Xia Xue is a female musician hand-picked by Mr. Dong Hua!"

"Who knows? Qiao Nian's performance of Missing Someone just now was really good. I almost cried."

"Senior, don't hold back. You have to play the best tune!"

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Xia Xue felt a little uneasy as she listened to the onlookers. She knew her own capabilities very well. Even if she practiced diligently, she knew very well that she was still inferior to Qiao Nian.

If everyone present was an outsider, she would have just casually fooled around with them. However, everyone present was from the industry. They still had a basic ability to evaluate musicality.

Xia Xue's gaze fell on Qiao Nian's face. She saw Qiao Nian find a seat and sit down comfortably, looking like she was waiting for her performance.

Before this, Xia Xue would definitely play a song for everyone very confidently, because she felt that she played it well.

When Brother Cao heard his classmates say the words "Qiao Nian", he asked curiously, "Who is this Qiao Nian you've been talking about?"

“That’s her!”

Everyone turned to look at Qiao Nian.

“Her performance of Missing just now was very good.”

“I almost cried!”

“That’s why we’re looking forward to Senior Xia Xue and Qiao Nian competing on the same stage!”

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Brother Cao looked in the direction everyone was looking at and saw a young lady sitting elegantly at the side. When the young lady saw him, she nodded slightly.

Brother Cao’s expression froze.

Were there so many beauties in the Music Academy?

Previously, he had already thought that Xia Xue was very stunning, but Qiao Nian was even more stunning.

She sat there indifferently, exuding a cynical aura. The smile on her face made one feel her confidence.

This was the person Mr. Dong Hua had asked him to pay attention to!

Brother Cao narrowed his eyes. The previous woman who asked him to pay attention to Mr. Dong Hua drugged him and tried to climb into his bed. In the end, she was beaten half to death and thrown out.

This time, he had thought that Mr. Dong Hua had taken a liking to some young lady. However, when he saw this young lady, he instantly understood.

This young lady must have some agenda. Look at those beautiful fox-like eyes. She’s seducing people all the time.

Brother Cao’s heart skipped a beat!

This wouldn’t do. This kind of vixen was too terrifying.

No wonder Mr. Dong Hua had asked him to keep an eye on her.

It seemed that this young lady had no fate with music in her life. If she offended Mr. Dong Hua, she would definitely suffer in the future!

Sigh, he had thought that Mr. Dong Hua had found someone he liked. It seemed that he was wrong.

Chapter 282: Stupid Teammate

Brother Cao shifted his gaze away from the girl. A young lady who was suitable for Mr. Dong Hua must be beautiful, kind, pure, and adorable. He had to think about it carefully later and work hard to get Mr. Dong Hua out of being single.

Brother Cao looked at Xia Xue. If Xia Xue hadn't returned to the dormitory to change her clothes, he would have thought highly of her. "The ears of the public are sharp. Xia Xue, come and play. I believe in your talent and hard work. You must be better than a new student!"

For some reason, Brother Cao felt that there was something wrong with the way Lu Nian was looking at him.

Brother Cao's body stiffened involuntarily. He no longer dared to breathe loudly.

What was going on?

What was Mr. Dong Hua trying to do?

Shouldn't he teach Qiao Nian a lesson?

Brother Cao turned to look at Qiao Nian. He saw that the beautiful young lady was talking to a classmate beside her. The smile on her face made his heart race.

He could no longer stare at that young lady. Otherwise, he would betray Mr. Dong Hua sooner or later.

Wang Xuan leaned over and whispered into Qiao Nian's ear. In a voice so low that only the two of them could hear, she asked carefully, "Why do I feel that Brother Cao doesn't like you?"

Qiao Nian's lips curved up slightly. She turned her head and saw Brother Cao fleeing in a panic. She raised her eyebrows and said nonchalantly, "It's fine. Look, Mr. Dong Hua is very dissatisfied with him."

Wang Xuan turned to look.

Pfft.

She tried to control the smile on her face.

That was really the case!

Mr. Dong Hua looked at Brother Cao with disdain.

At this moment, Xia Xue was already in a difficult position. She had already found other excuses, and was hesitating about how to avoid the performance.

Gao Lin, who had been standing beside Xia Xue, hurriedly stepped forward. She looked at Xia Xue expectantly and said, "Sister Xia Xue, I believe you. You have to believe in yourself. You're much more outstanding than Qiao Nian. You can show her your skills and make her admit defeat!"

Before Xia Xue could refuse, she choked on Gao Lin's words. She turned back to look at Gao Lin and frowned.

However, Gao Lin thought that Xia Xue was praising her. She hurriedly made a gesture of encouragement.

Xia Xue wanted to blame Gao Lin, but she suddenly realized that Gao Lin had no idea that she was an imposter.

At this moment, the situation was already very critical. She had no choice but to compete.

Xia Xue lowered her gaze. Just as she was thinking about what to compete in, she heard Gao Lin say loudly, "Sister Xia Xue, let's compete in violin playing!"

Xia Xue almost vomited blood. Her anger was already at the top of her head, but she couldn't flare up.

When the other students heard Gao Lin's words, they hurriedly took out tissues to wipe their tears.

"Senior Xia, we'll cheer for you!"

"Senior Xia, don't worry. We've already prepared tissues!"

"Senior Xia, let's begin!"

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Wang Xuan, who was standing at the side, revealed a bright smile and said, "Yes, Senior Xia Xue, you don't have to worry about us. We've already prepared tissues. We all want to know how amazing you are. If Brother Cao takes a liking to you, we can all learn from you in the future!"

With that, Wang Xuan turned to look at Qiao Nian and asked with a smile, "Nian Nian, don't you think so?"

Qiao Nian immediately gave a sweet smile. This smile won the favor of many male classmates.

"Yes, Senior Xia. Please teach us!"

Gao Lin looked at Qiao Nian and secretly rolled her eyes.

She had never seen a woman as arrogant as Qiao Nian. Was Qiao Nian tired of living? How dare she provoke Xia Xue?

Qiao Nian probably didn't know what death was since she dared to compete with the female musician Mr. Dong Hua had taken a liking to.

Actually, Xia Xue had initially wanted to use the piano she was best at, but she was now in a difficult position.

Helpless, Xia Xue walked towards the violin. Her hands were cold and covered in sweat.

Seeing how calm Xia Xue was, Gao Lin glanced at the students present and pretended to think. "What should you play?"

Xia Xue knew that something was wrong. Worried that Gao Lin would say something wrong again, she hurriedly said, "Why don't we..."

"Missing, right?" Gao Lin said loudly, thinking that she understood Xia Xue's intentions.

Xia Xue was shocked.

Xia Xue's eyes widened and she almost fainted!

Gao Lin was such a useless teammate!

Chapter 283: Out of Tune

Seeing Xia Xue's shocked expression, Gao Lin smiled and said obediently, "Sister Xia Xue, are we telepathic? Are we thinking the same thing?"

Xia Xue didn't know what to say.

The surrounding students grew excited.

"Speaking of which, I really want to hear Senior Xia Xue play 'Missing'. I heard that Senior Xia Xue was recognized by Brother Cao because of this song. Her playing is better than Qiao Nian's."

"Qiao Nian's playing just now was already touching enough. If Senior Xia Xue plays, won't we have to cry for a long time?"

"That's right, that's right. I almost couldn't walk away from Qiao Nian's performance just now. She played so well. I'm already completely immersed in sorrow!"

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The other students spoke at once. Xia Xue couldn't choose any other song even if she wanted to.

If she had to choose, she would choose a song that was even more difficult than "Missing". If that didn't work, then she would just shut up obediently, lest she embarrass herself!

Xia Xue's eyes darted around. After some thought, she looked at Brother Cao tactfully and asked tentatively, "Brother Cao asked me to practice the tune from the concert. If I play 'Missing', won't that be a little inappropriate?"

Actually, she hoped that Brother Cao would let her change the song.

Then, Brother Cao couldn't read her mind at all. He waved his hand casually and said sensibly, "It's fine. Any song will do. Since everyone likes this song, just play it. We have to put the audience first!"

Xia Xue wanted to cry but had no tears!

However, at this point, she could only brace herself and hope that she could perform well this time.

Naturally, Gao Lin didn't notice Xia Xue's dilemma. She looked at Qiao Nian smugly, as if waiting for Qiao Nian to surrender.

At this moment, Xia Xue placed the violin on her left shoulder. She took a deep breath and prepared to play the tune.

The sound of the violin which had a sense of longing, could be heard.

Xia Xue's forehead was covered in sweat, and her breathing was getting heavier. Her mind raced, thinking about how to avoid making a mistake.

The students were also listening intently. Everyone was immersed in the song.

"That sounds alright!"

“It doesn’t feel the same as Qiao Nian’s!”

“Everyone has a different style. Alright, stop talking. Everyone, listen carefully!”

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However, towards the end of the song, the students all frowned in unison. They felt that something was wrong with this song.

Gao Lin had also discovered something strange about this song.

There seemed to be a few things wrong.

What was wrong with Sister Xia Xue? Why was she out of tune?

Qiao Nian sat at the side, listening to Xia Xue play the piano. Her lips curved up slightly, and a trace of coldness flashed in her eyes, filled with contempt.

She had thought that Xia Xue was quite capable, but she didn’t expect this.

How was this any different from a child?

With such standards, how could she be a female musician for Mr. Dong Hua?

“Strange, what’s wrong with Senior Xia Xue?”

“I don’t know. Why does she sound so awful?”

“This isn’t her standard!”

“She used to play the violin at the Welcome Gala. Her violin skills were quite good. Why are her violin skills so bad now?”

“Could it be that Qiao Nian’s playing is really too pleasant to the ear? If we compare these two sounds, we’ll think that Xia Xue’s is simply too awful to listen to.”

“I don’t know, but this also means that she’s not very capable. Why would Brother Cao like her?”

“Who knows? Perhaps Sister Xia Xuexue has someone in her family helping her!”

“That’s probably the case!”

“Sigh, I’m really disappointed. I thought our department’s belle was very good. I didn’t expect her to be not so good!”

“Hurry up and choose a new faculty belle. I don’t want to hear anyone praise her again!”

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When Xia Xue heard her classmates’ words, it was as if they had slapped her one after another. The pain was unbearable.

Chapter 284: Trying Hard to Recover

Gao Lin glared fiercely at her classmates, then looked at Xia Xue in disbelief. She had never expected Xia Xue to play so poorly.

Did Xia Xue not want to play Missing?

She had misunderstood.

At this moment, Xia Xue was in an abyss of suffering.

At that time, she didn't want to play the violin, because she wasn't good at it to begin with. No matter how well she played the violin, it was nothing compared to Qiao Nian's.

However, Xia Xue had been forced to play the violin by Gao Lin. She was under a lot of pressure, and now, she heard her classmates pointing fingers at her. Her mind was in a mess.

Xia Xue tried hard to remain calm. She still wanted to play this song well.

Someone in the crowd said.

"Why do I think Qiao Nian is more suitable to be Mr. Dong Hua's female musician?"

When Xia Xue heard this, her mind exploded. Her hand suddenly trembled, and the violin let out a piercing sound.

Xia Xue came back to her senses. She let go of the violin and it fell to the ground!

For a moment, the training room fell silent.

Xia Xue's eyes instantly turned red. She bent down and picked up the violin. When she looked up, she saw the disappointment in her classmates' eyes.

Xia Xue's hands trembled slightly, and the violin in her hand fell to the ground again.

Xia Xue squatted down, tears welling up in her eyes. She picked up the violin again.

The room was so quiet that one could hear a pin drop.

Gao Lin looked at Xia Xue worriedly. She didn't understand what was wrong with Xia Xue.

When Brother Cao, who was standing at the side, heard Xia Xue's playing, his face was filled with displeasure.

Wang Xuan, who had been silent all this while, stepped forward. She looked at Xia Xue curiously and asked in confusion, "Senior Xia Xue, why aren't you continuing? Have you already forgotten the score?"

Qiao Nian really wanted to give Wang Xuan a thumbs up. This question was simply too good.

Most of the people who came to this classroom today were die-hard fans of Mr. Dong Hua.

They were looking forward to Xia Xue's flawless performance, but no one expected her to make such a low-level mistake.

They could not tolerate this. How could Mr. Dong Hua's female musician forget her score? She was simply too incompetent!

"That's right. Xia Xue is Mr. Dong Hua's female musician. If others can't remember the score, it was fine but how can she forget? How can she make such a low-level mistake?"

"With her standards, if she were to attend Mr. Dong Hua's concert, her reputation would be ruined!"

"We should go to Mr. Dong Hua's Weibo and ask for a replacement!"

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When Xia Xue heard those words, tears welled up in her eyes.

Brother Cao looked at Xia Xue's pitiful appearance and frowned. He said, "Every concert Mr. Dong Hua performs is world-class, so all the requirements are perfect. Your standard..."

Although Brother Cao didn't finish his sentence, everyone understood that Brother Cao wouldn't allow Xia Xue to be Mr. Dong Hua's female musician.

Lu Nian stood calmly at the side. He didn't speak, but his gaze involuntarily fell on Qiao Nian.

Xia Xue naturally understood what Brother Cao meant. She was extremely flustered. She kept taking deep breaths, trying to remain calm, but she still couldn't hide the fear in her heart.

Xia Xue glanced at Gao Lin, who was also standing rooted to the ground in shock. She didn't know what to say, nor how to salvage the situation.

Xia Xue's gaze fell on Qiao Nian's face again. Her eyes suddenly lit up. She had found an excuse. She looked at Brother Cao, who was standing at the side, and said gently, "Brother Cao, I'm really sorry. I was too nervous this time. With everyone looking at me with anticipation, I won't make such a mistake again."

Without waiting for Brother Cao to speak, Wang Xuan asked impatiently, "Senior Xia Xue, do you mean that our presence here has affected your performance?"

Chapter 285: Not Afraid

Xia Xue's heart jumped to her throat. She turned to look at Wang Xuan and pretended to be weak as she said gently, "It's not like that. It's mainly because Brother Cao is here too. I'm a little nervous. Of course, I believe someone like Qiao Nian will also be nervous in front of a big shot like Brother Cao, right?"

Gao Lin, who had been silent at the side, instantly understood. She hurriedly nodded and said, "That's right. Not to mention Sister Xia Xue, even our university's professors will feel nervous if they see a big shot like Brother Cao here. After all, Brother Cao is Mr. Dong Hua's manager and the most famous musician in the world!"

When the other students heard Gao Lin's words, they nodded in agreement. If it were them, they would also feel very nervous.

Qiao Nian gave Gao Lin and Xia Xue an indifferent glance, then took out her violin again.

Seeing Qiao Nian's actions, Xia Xue was so nervous that her heart was about to jump out of her throat. She asked in surprise, "Student Qiao Nian, what are you trying to do?"

"I don't want to do anything. I just want to see if I can perform at my normal level in front of Brother Cao." Qiao Nian retracted her gaze and began to bow the strings.

She had no intention of playing Missing anymore.

This time, Qiao Nian chose a more complicated song.

The Dance of the Bees. This song was filled with energy and passion. It was only a little slower at the end.

When the music began, everyone was stunned.

Gao Lin and Xia Xue looked at Qiao Nian in shock.

How dare she?

How dare she play such a difficult song in front of Brother Cao? Wasn't she afraid of making a mistake?

Wang Xuan knew that Qiao Nian was very talented, but she didn't expect her to be so amazing. She could even play the song "The Dance of the Bees".

Seeing Qiao Nian play the violin without restraint, Wang Xuan looked envious.

When the other students heard this song, their hearts jumped to their throats in excitement.

"Oh my god, this is actually The Dance of the Bees?"

"Who exactly is Qiao Nian? How can she play such a tune?"

"Is that really the legendary treasure girl? That's amazing!"

The others didn't dare to speak further, afraid that they would disturb Qiao Nian. Qiao Nian's playing was simply too pleasant to the ear.

No one had expected a freshman to be able to play such a beautiful tune.

Brother Cao listened to the song seriously. Qiao Nian was quite talented, but she was a little arrogant and an eyesore to Mr. Dong Hua.

What a pity! What a pity!

If this little girl didn't think of climbing into Mr. Dong Hua's bed!

If this little girl didn't offend Mr. Dong Hua!

He had to recruit this little girl under his name. When the time came, he would nurture her well. Then, he would be able to use her as a money tree.

However, Mr. Dong Hua could not tolerate even a speck of sand.

Brother Cao sighed silently. He could almost see his money saying goodbye to him.

The song ended!

Only then did Qiao Nian put down the violin. Her beautiful fox-like eyes narrowed slightly as she looked unblinkingly at Xia Xue and asked, "Senior Xia Xue, you're Mr. Dong Hua's female musician. Why don't you use your professional judgment to give me a score for this performance? Is that okay?"

Qiao Nian raised her eyebrows slightly and smiled brightly at Xia Xue. She remembered that Xia Xue wanted to vomit blood.

As Mr. Dong Hua's female musician, Xia Xue had a supreme honor.

If she hadn't played the violin just now, or if she had played the violin perfectly, Xia Xue could still accept this title calmly.

But now, Xia Xue felt that this form of address only embarrassed her.

Gao Lin, who was standing at the side, glared daggers at Qiao Nian. She didn't know how to describe her current feelings. She clenched her fists tightly, her nails digging into her palms. She tried hard to maintain her composure.

Although she didn't want to admit it, she had to admit that Qiao Nian was truly amazing.

Qiao Nian knew everything.

But Qiao Nian was clearly a country bumpkin, a self-taught talent. How could she know the zither and violin? Moreover, how could she know so many famous songs?

What surprised Gao Lin was that every piece Qiao Nian played was comparable to the original composition.

Chapter 286: Goddess' Descent

At this moment, someone in the crowd finally spoke the truth.

"What stage fright? She's clearly not capable enough!"

"That's right. If she's really capable, why would she have stage fright?"

"I hereby announce that from today onwards, Qiao Nian is the person I admire the most! She is my idol!"

"Student Qiao Nian, can you tell everyone where you studied music in the past? Can you teach me my poor hand?"

"Me too!"

"I want to learn too!"

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In an instant, the classroom became extremely lively.

Qiao Nian smiled and said softly, "Actually, you just need to practice more. There's no trick to it. Later on, I'll post something I think will be useful on the school website. Everyone can take a look."

Hearing Qiao Nian's words, everyone was overjoyed. They instantly cheered.

"Oh my god, Qiao Nian is like a goddess who has descended from the sky. She's so kind!"

"I like her so much. I'm going to woo her in the future!"

"Qiao Nian is my idol. I'm Qiao Nian's first fan!"

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When Gao Lin and Xia Xue heard that everyone liked Qiao Nian, their expressions grew uglier and uglier. They stood rooted to the ground, not daring to make a sound, trying hard to reduce their presence.

However, Qiao Nian had no intention of letting them off the hook. She smiled and turned to look at Xia Xue, her red lips curved up slightly. "Senior Xia Xue, you haven't given me a score yet!"

Xia Xue's face turned paler and paler. For a moment, she felt so ashamed that she wished she could find a place to hide.

Seeing this, Brother Cao spoke up to help Xia Xue out of the situation. "Student Qiao Nian, you did well just now. If it were up to me, I would give you 99 points. I'm just afraid that if I give you one more point, you'll become arrogant. Student Xia Xue hasn't reached your level yet, so she can't give you a score!"

Hearing Brother Cao's words, the entire hall was in an uproar.

Brother Cao had praised Qiao Nian and belittled Xia Xue. Could it be that Brother Cao had already decided to let Qiao Nian be the female musician?

Everyone present was looking forward to seeing Qiao Nian become Mr. Dong Hua's female musician. It had to be known that Xia Xue becoming Mr. Dong Hua's female musician would only affect the quality of Mr. Dong Hua's performance.

If Qiao Nian could become Mr. Dong Hua's female musician, they would definitely approve.

"Brother Cao, why don't you accept Qiao Nian as your student?"

"That's right, Brother Cao. If Student Qiao Nian becomes Mr. Dong Hua's female musician, I believe that Mr. Dong Hua's performance will definitely be as perfect as ever!"

"Moreover, you've seen for yourself how capable Qiao Nian is. Qiao Nian is so talented. Brother Cao, are you really not going to give her a chance?"

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Qiao Nian looked at her classmates, who were speaking up for her. Her lips curved up slightly. It seemed that most people could appreciate beauty, except for Gao Lin, who was brainless.

Brother Cao hesitated. He pursed his lips slightly and pondered this question seriously.

At this moment, Brother Cao suddenly felt Lu Nian looking at him.

Brother Cao instantly felt a chill run down his spine. He involuntarily straightened his back.

Alright, he now understood what Mr. Dong Hua meant.

Brother Cao glanced at everyone and sighed slightly. He shook his head and said, "I'm afraid everyone will be disappointed in this matter. Back then, I was the one who chose Student Xia Xue to be Mr. Dong Hua's female musician. If I tell Mr. Dong Hua that he has to change his female musician, I'm afraid Mr. Dong Hua will be unhappy. Unless he can personally post on Weibo to ask Student Qiao Nian to perform, I can't help you with this matter!"

As soon as Brother Cao finished speaking, he felt the gaze behind him turn even colder.

Strange.

What was going on?

Didn't he do what Dong Hua wanted?

Why was Dong Hua unhappy?

Brother Cao frowned slightly. He couldn't be bothered to speak anymore.

When the other students heard Brother Cao's words, they instantly felt disappointed. At this moment, they were doubting Brother Cao's ability to appreciate beauty.

They had just been curious about why Mr. Dong Hua had chosen Xia Xue to be his female musician. Now, they finally understood. So Brother Cao had chosen her.

However, Brother Cao's method of choosing female musicians was too careless. Qiao Nian was clearly much better than Xia Xue. Why wasn't Brother Cao willing to choose Qiao Nian?

Chapter 287: Old Fool?

Xia Xue's heart was beating wildly. Fortunately, Brother Cao didn't deny that she was the female musician. Otherwise, she would definitely be humiliated today.

Xia Xue turned to look at Qiao Nian, a trace of triumph appearing in her eyes.

So what if Qiao Nian was powerful?

As long as Brother Cao did not choose Qiao Nian, Qiao Nian would still not be Mr. Dong Hua's female musician.

With this thought in mind, Xia Xue straightened her back. She was the female musician chosen by Brother Cao. This was an indelible fact.

And Qiao Nian was just someone who played the violin better than her. She wasn't worth mentioning.

Wang Xuan, who was standing at the side, frowned slightly. Her gaze fell on Brother Cao, and she felt a little uncomfortable. She didn't understand what was wrong with Brother Cao. Why did he give up on

Qiao Nian, an outstanding female musician, and instead let an imposter like Xia Xue become a female musician?

Had Brother Cao gone senile?

Or could it be that Brother Cao couldn't tell who could play better?

This was impossible. Brother Cao must have a certain level of appreciation.

Could it be that Brother Cao had taken a bribe from Xia Xue?

Wang Xuan's gaze fell on Mr. Dong Hua, who was behind Brother Cao.

Mr. Dong Hua's skin was already fair to begin with, so this made him look even more sinister. His phoenix-like eyes were slightly narrowed, and he looked displeased.

Didn't Brother Cao realize that Mr. Dong Hua was angry?

Actually, Qiao Nian hadn't expected Brother Cao to answer like this either. However, she didn't feel uncomfortable. Brother Cao might have his own thoughts.

It was her honor to be Mr. Dong Hua's female musician. If Mr. Dong Hua was unwilling to invite her to be his female musician, that would be his choice.

This was a matter of mutual consent, not coercion.

However, Qiao Nian believed that Mr. Dong Hua would never let Xia Xue be his female musician again.

Seeing that Brother Cao had not changed his mind, the others lost all interest.

"Alright, let's all go back. Xia Xue still has to practice. If she doesn't pull it off well, she'll blame us again!"

"I'm just feeling indignant for Mr. Dong Hua. Looks like Mr. Dongfang's concert will definitely be ruined!"

"What kind of good music can a person who has even forgotten the score of a violin produce?"

"Is it because Xia Xue is good-looking?"

"No way. Xia Xue is far inferior to Qiao Nian."

"Or perhaps Brother Cao has special taste?"

"Although I don't have the tickets to Mr. Dong Hua's concert, it seems that Mr. Dong Hua's concert won't end well. I just hope that Mr. Dong Hua will learn his lesson and never use Xia Xue again!"

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When Brother Cao heard these words, he frowned.

What nonsense were these people spouting?

Brother Cao was worried about Mr. Dong Hua. If he still couldn't find the person who played the violin that afternoon, he would probably disappoint his fans.

This Xia Xue was simply useless.

When he first saw Xia Xue, he had thought that she was not bad. Now, the more he looked at her, the more he felt that she was like a toad!

When Mr. Dong Hua found the person he was looking for, he would make Xia Xue scam as far away as possible.

Qiao Nian had also planned to leave. At this moment, Mr. Dong Hua spoke. "Miss Qiao, please wait."

Xia Xue's heart, which had been set at ease, instantly rose to her throat.

Gao Lin walked to the door and turned back, frowning in surprise.

How could a mere assistant be so rude as to stop Qiao Nian on such an occasion?

Qiao Nian stopped in her tracks and handed the violin to Wang Xuan, asking her to bring it back to the classroom.

Holding the violin, Wang Xuan walked to the door. Seeing that Gao Lin still wanted to eavesdrop, she smiled and called out, "Gao Lin, let's go! Let's go back together!"

Gao Lin's expression froze. She glared at Wang Xuan angrily but remained silent.

When Wang Xuan passed by Gao Lin, she secretly placed a pen in Gao Lin's pocket without anyone seeing.

Chapter 288: How Much Do You Want?

There were only four people left in the entire training room.

Xia Xue looked at Brother Cao's assistant uneasily. She didn't understand why Brother Cao's assistant had stopped Qiao Nian.

Lu Nian secretly gave Brother Cao a look. Brother Cao instantly understood.

Brother Cao turned to look at Xia Xue and said with a smile, "Go to the 22nd training room and practice now. When the time comes, record yourself. I'll listen to it again."

Xia Xue wasn't sure what was going on either, but since Brother Cao had said so, she couldn't refuse. She could only walk towards the training room next door uneasily.

After Xia Xue left, and only the three of them were left in the room, Brother Cao looked at Qiao Nian. He crossed his arms and spoke in the tone of a domineering CEO. "Tell me, how much do you want?"

Qiao Nian looked at Brother Cao in confusion.

Lu Nian couldn't help but hit Brother Cao on the head. He said with disdain, "What nonsense are you spouting?"

Brother Cao looked at Lu Nian in disbelief and said with dissatisfaction, "What are you doing? You're messing up my hairstyle. You don't know anything about fashion!"

"Didn't I tell you to pay attention to Qiao Nian?"

At the mention of this, Brother Cao's expression turned serious. "Of course I did!"

"Have you noticed, then?"

"Of course I noticed!" Seeing Qiao Nian's confused expression, Brother Cao turned to look at Lu Nian and nodded.

"Then what did you notice?"

Brother Cao said with an aggrieved expression, "Doesn't she just want to climb into your bed? I've already noticed her. All I want to do now is give her a sum of money and send her away."

Qiao Nian was shocked.

What climbing into his bed?

Why was there such a huge accusation?

Qiao Nian felt even more wronged than Dou E [1. Main character who was framed in the Chinese book The Injustice to Dou E].

Lu Nian was speechless.

Brother Cao realized that there was something wrong with their expressions. Suddenly, he was no longer certain of his guess. He tidied his hairstyle and asked with a sheepish smile, "Did I say anything wrong? Don't I understand what you mean?"

Qiao Nian's expression instantly darkened. She couldn't help but retort, "You're a top manager, after all. What kind of nonsense is in your head!"

Brother Cao's eyes widened in disbelief. "How... how dare you scold me?"

"Did she say anything wrong?" Lu Nian raised his eyebrows slightly.

Brother Cao clutched his chest and took a step back. He was dumbfounded. He didn't expect Lu Nian to help an outsider scold him.

"You're actually helping an outsider?"

Brother Cao's heart was bleeding.

"With your intelligence, how did you become a top manager?" Lu Nian asked seriously.

Hearing Lu Nian's question, Brother Cao instantly felt extremely aggrieved. "All these years, I've done everything perfectly for you. You were the one who asked me to pay attention to her. Of course I did."

"I'm asking you to keep an eye on her abilities, not ban her!" Lu Nian said helplessly.

“Huh?” Brother Cao was a little confused.

However, Brother Cao quickly came back to his senses. His eyes widened as he asked curiously, “Could she be the person you’ve been looking for?”

“Your intelligence has finally returned home.”

Brother Cao was shocked.

Holy shit.

What had he just done?

He had almost banned Qiao Nian.

Brother Cao’s gaze fell on Qiao Nian and Lu Nian’s faces. The two of them were echoing each other, as if they already knew each other.

Oh my god, hadn’t he just missed the best opportunity to replace that toad Xia Xue?

Brother Cao’s gaze fell on Qiao Nian’s face. Her palm-sized face was exquisite and bright, and her lips were delicate. Her fox-like eyes were soul-stirring, as if she possessed an indescribable nobility. She also had a mature charm that was different from her peers.

Although she didn’t look like someone who would climb into bed, but the way she looked was too unsafe.

He couldn’t be blamed for getting the wrong idea.

Who would have thought that such a good-looking person would be so talented?

Chapter 289: Apologizing

Brother Cao was a person who repented immediately. He hurriedly reached out to Qiao Nian and said apologetically, “Miss Qiao Nian, I’m really sorry for what happened just now. Previously, Mr. Dong Hua asked me to take notice of a girl, but that girl got Mr. Dong Hua drunk and tried to climb into his bed. From then on, Dong Hua never told me about other girls again. This time, I thought it was still the same thing, so it was all a misunderstanding. A misunderstanding. Please don’t mind me!”

Seeing that Brother Cao had admitted his mistake so frankly, and that there was indeed a reason for it, Qiao Nian reached out to shake his hand. “It’s good that the misunderstanding has been resolved.”

Qiao Nian was still a little surprised. Brother Cao wasn’t very smart. How did he become a top manager?

After Brother Cao let go of Qiao Nian’s hand, he glanced at Lu Nian timidly and asked carefully, “What should we do now?”

Lu Nian didn’t look at Brother Cao. His gaze fell on Qiao Nian’s face. His voice was a little low and magnetic. “Since you’ve called me Big Brother, I’ll acknowledge you as my god-sister. Do whatever you want. No matter what happens, I’ll bear the consequences.”

Qiao Nian’s lips curved up slightly. For some reason, she felt that Mr. Lu Nian was understanding her more and more. This feeling was not bad.

Brother Cao looked at the smile on Qiao Nian's face and vaguely sensed a dangerous aura. His heart skipped a beat. For some reason, he felt that this young lady's personality was similar to Dong Hua's.

"Will it affect anything?" Brother Cao asked weakly.

Qiao Nian's lips curved up slightly. She said unhurriedly, "Since you've already decided to go all out, the more sensational the better."

Lu Nian's lips curved up in agreement.

Brother Cao looked at Lu Nian in disbelief.

What happened to keeping a low profile?

Why did he have to be so high-profile now?

With her hands behind her back, Qiao Nian took a step back and smiled at Lu Nian. "Mr. Dong Hua, I'll see you later."

With that, Qiao Nian walked out.

Brother Cao's heart was beating faster and faster. He looked at Lu Nian, who was looking at Qiao Nian's back, and frowned. Worriedly, he said, "Lu Nian, didn't you say previously that you wanted to keep a low profile? Moreover, your brother also said that you had to keep a low profile and not disturb the peace and quiet of the school! Aren't you causing chaos in the school?"

"He's not here," Lu Nian said nonchalantly.

It was rare to meet such an interesting and talented girl. Since she wanted to make a scene, he would accompany her!

Brother Cao was shocked.

Brother Cao didn't understand what kind of magic that little girl, Qiao Nian, had. How could she make Mr. Dong Hua, who had always kept a low profile, act so brazenly?

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After Qiao Nian returned to the classroom, her mind was filled with thoughts of how to cause trouble.

Before long, she saw Gao Lin walking in.

Gao Lin looked worried. She must have just returned from Xia Xue's room.

Sensing Qiao Nian's gaze, Gao Lin glanced at her, then obediently returned to her seat.

When she was in the recording studio just now, she had been recording with Sister Xia Xue. For some reason, she clearly felt that Sister Xia Xue was already working very hard, but the music she recorded was always a little lacking.

To be precise, Sister Xia Xue played every song well, but every song was empty and soulless, unable to move the audience.

At that time, when she saw that Xia Xue was in a daze, she began to have a heart-to-heart chat with her. She wanted Xia Xue to get her bearings as soon as possible.

However, she had never expected Xia Xue's next words to stun her.

Xia Xue told her everything that had happened.

Just as she had suspected, Xia Xue had taken the spot that belonged to Qiao Nian.

Although she had already guessed the truth, she was still very confused when she heard Xia Xue's words.

Chapter 290: Fake Replacement

The position she had been so proud of was actually stolen from Qiao Nian by Xia Xue.

This morning, she had even bragged shamelessly in front of Qiao Nian.

At the thought of this, Gao Lin felt even more humiliated.

Gao Lin carefully glanced at Qiao Nian, who was sitting not far away. Qiao Nian was calmly wiping her violin, as if she wasn't angry at Xia Xue for stealing her spot.

When Gao Lin thought of what had happened in the training room, she took a deep breath.

Xia Xue was right. Since fate had brought Xia Xue and Brother Cao together, Qiao Nian could only blame herself for not being around.

When Gao Lin thought of Xia Xue, she frowned. She had to be more careful and stay away from Xia Xue. After all, Xia Xue was an imposter. The further away she was, the safer she would be.

Gao Lin was no longer willing to call Xia Xue Sister Xia Xue.

Although she was very ashamed of Xia Xue's actions, she was now in the same boat as Xia Xue. Right now, she could only trample Qiao Nian under her feet, so that Qiao Nian would never be able to make a comeback. This way, no one would know that Xia Xue was an imposter.

Today's incident was truly a close shave.

However, Gao Lin was still very jealous of Qiao Nian.

Qiao Nian could play both the zither and the violin very well. Moreover, every time she played, she could infuse her soul into the tune, deeply touching the listeners!

This was something that even some outstanding musicians could not do.

How did Qiao Nian do it?

Gao Lin thought dazedly. Suddenly, she shook her head vigorously.

This wouldn't do. How could she envy Qiao Nian?

Qiao Nian was just a wild girl from the countryside. Even if she had the ability, so what? Qiao Nian wasn't meant to be successful.

In the end, Qiao Nian was just a stepping stone for Xia Xue.

Now that Xia Xue had successfully debuted, she would definitely think of a way to end Qiao Nian's musical dream. No matter how talented Qiao Nian was, there was nothing she could do.

With this thought in mind, Gao Lin felt much better.

Qiao Nian placed the violin she had wiped into the case. She twirled the pen in her hand, feeling extremely happy.

Wang Xuan smiled at Qiao Nian and asked, "Just now, a senior came to look for me. She said that she wanted to invite you to the field tomorrow morning to improvise with everyone. What do you think?"

Wang Xuan's words instantly attracted Gao Lin's attention. She immediately pricked up her ears to listen.

"Sure, of course I'm willing to go to such a fun place!" Qiao Nian agreed readily. She had been worried that she wouldn't be able to find a suitable opportunity to cause a scene. Since the heavens were willing to stand on her side, she naturally had to perform well.

Wang Xuan smiled and nodded. "Alright, I'll reply to them now!"

As Gao Lin listened to Wang Xuan and Qiao Nian's conversation, her heart began to race.

The two violin pieces Qiao Nian had played in the training room previously had already drawn many people to Qiao Nian's side, and they hoped that Qiao Nian would become Mr. Dong Hua's female musician.

If Qiao Nian played the violin for everyone on the field tomorrow, wouldn't everyone in the school know that Qiao Nian's violin skills were much better than Xia Xue's?

Perhaps someone with ulterior motives would even realize that Xia Xue was an imposter.

At the thought of this, Gao Lin began to lose her composure.

Then her plan with Xia Xue would have to be brought forward.

When school ended in the evening, Qiao Nian had just walked out of the school gates and was about to take a taxi home when she saw a Bentley driving towards her. It stopped steadily in front of her. When she looked at the license plate number, she was slightly stunned and surprised.

The car window wasn't rolled down. Qiao Nian couldn't see what was going on in the car from the outside, but she was certain that he had arrived.

Qiao Nian opened the door behind her and got into the car. She saw him leaning lazily against the seat, playing with his pendant. There seemed to be a trace of danger around him.

Chen Qing, who was sitting in the driver's seat, greeted softly, "Madam."

"Where are we going?"

“Second Young Master said...”

Before Chen Qing could finish speaking, Gu Zhou interrupted him.

“It’s on the way to pick you up.”