

Mr Han 2241

Chapter 2241: If Xiaoya Is There, I Will Also Be There

He actually ranked high at the first spot and shook off Zhang Shuidong, who was in second place, by tens of thousands of votes.

It showed how earnestly the netizens hoped to see Han Zhuoling reappear in the show.

As for the other people in the rankings, if the person ranking high in the first place was also a fellow celebrity, they would have mobilized their fans no matter what, even to the point of buying votes, to boost their own vote numbers up the ranks.

Don't think this was just a popularity poll for a variety show. It was also a way to prove one's fame and popularity.

And *Survivor* was a mega-hit variety show with very high viewership. If they lost, or if their vote numbers had too large of a disparity with that of others, how embarrassing would that be?

But now, the one in the first place ranking way ahead of others was Han Zhuoling, so everyone was at a loss as to what to do.

Besides how he was not a celebrity and did not intend to debut, he was a big boss and had power over all their futures and fates.

Who would go and fight it out with him for no reason!

Even if Han Zhuoling was in first place, that would have no impact on their careers.

As for competing for the second or third position, that would be meaningless now.

The person whom people could really remember was normally the one in the first place. No one really remembered who was in the second or third place.

So the polls this time were actually unusually harmonious.

No one fought with one another, so no falling out happened either.

That was how the top 12 was determined.

Lu Dongliu started to contact them one by one based on the order of the rankings.

Among these 12 people, Shi Xiaoya was also included.

Of the netizens who voted for Han Zhuoling, around two-thirds also voted for Shi Xiaoya.

It showed that they really wanted to continue watching the two of them do their PDA on the show.

As for the remaining one-third, they were the people who could not accept their male idol being with Shi Xiaoya right from the start, or, in other words, they're the people who could not accept Han Zhuoling being with anyone.

With the support of most of Han Zhuoling's fans, plus Shi Xiaoya's own fans, she naturally got into this 12-member list.

Lu Dongliu stared at Han Zhuoling, who ranked first in the poll, and felt a little troubled.

If Han Zhuoling did not participate, their production team would definitely get scolded.

In the netizens' eyes, it was not a matter of whether you were able to invite him or not.

It was that they'd used Han Zhuoling to play with them fans.

Since they knew they could not invite him, why did they still include Han Zhuoling in the list?

Lu Dongliu sighed and braced himself to ask Han Zhuoling no matter what.

But he did not know that, actually, Han Zhuoling was also watching the polls at this time.

He saw that Shi Xiaoya had also entered the 12-people list.

At first, when Shi Xiaoya told Lu Man she was coming to participate in the special episode's filming, she thought she was coming as a makeup artist.

It was great now. She would be coming to participate with a double-identity as both a makeup artist and a guest.

Han Zhuoling was looking at the list when he received Lu Dongliu's phone call.

"Young Master Ling, it's me, Lu Dongliu," Lu Dongliu said.

"You want to ask me to participate in the special episode?" Han Zhuoling asked.

Lu Dongliu laughed awkwardly. *Young Master Ling, you're really confident in yourself.*

But let me tell you, it's... it's actually true!

Lu Dongliu did not have the guts to make fun of Han Zhuoling and immediately admitted, "Yes, Young Master Ling. Do you have the time to?"

"If Xiaoya is there, I will also be there," Han Zhuoling said.

"Understood, understood. I'll contact Xiaoya immediately!" Lu Dongliu immediately said.

Han Zhuoling saying that meant that he was agreeing already.

Shi Xiaoya was definitely participating.

Wasn't this a surefire thing?

Hence, Han Zhuoling and Shi Xiaoya would participate in this newly added last special episode of the show together.

But after resolving this problem, the production team had to deal with a new problem.

The filming process for the show contained a segment where the crew would start filming from the moment the celebrities reached the hotel, including the scenes of them before sleeping and after waking up, as well as scenes of them after they returned to the hotel from the filming of the competition during the day.

Chapter 2242: Not Allowed to Bully Her

This episode would emphasize the lifestyle aspect more, not the competition.

The staff in charge of the hotel arrangements looked for Chi Xingrui and said, "Assistant Director Chi, you told us to book hotel rooms for the celebrities. But for Young Master Ling and Xiaoya, do we arrange for them to be together, or do we split them up?"

The production team booked double rooms for each pair of celebrities. The hotel was a guesthouse-style lodging.

It could allow for the celebrities to all gather together and display their interactions.

Even at night, when everyone went back to their own rooms to rest, they could see the interactions between the celebrities using the video cameras in the rooms.

"I think, if we arrange for Xiaoya and Young Master Ling to be in the same room, they will definitely become a highlight of the show. Although they are not husband and wife, the private interactions of a couple will also be quite interesting content and will attract many viewers. I just don't know if Young Master Ling and Xiaoya will be willing or not," the staff said.

"The two of them should be cohabiting now, right?" the staff asked.

The staff thought that Han Zhuoling was already so old. If he had a young girlfriend who was exquisitely pretty by his side, could he bear for them to not stay together?

"How would I know? Not like I can ask Young Master Ling," Chi Xingrui said as he scratched his head. "Forget it, find Director Lu and discuss this with him."

Hence, Chi Xingrui followed this staff member to go and find Lu Dongliu.

In the end, Lu Dongliu also scratched his head.

Why were there so many problems on Han Zhuoling's side!

"Why don't... we ask Young Master Ling for his opinion?" Chi Xingrui asked.

"I am leaning more towards arranging for them to be in the same room," Lu Dongliu said. "But the problem now is, if we don't tell them beforehand, the variety effect for the show will turn out even better. Especially because Shi Xiaoya will definitely be surprised."

That little girl's emotions were very easy to guess sometimes.

Without asking now, Lu Dongliu could already imagine Shi Xiaoya's surprised look.

"If we discussed this with them beforehand, the effect would definitely not be as good then," Lu Dongliu said.

"Then what should we do?"

Chi Xingrui and Lu Dongliu were both at a loss.

Lu Dongliu thought for a good while before he clapped and said, "I'll go ask Young Master Ling again. If he agrees, I'll tell him not to tell Shi Xiaoya. We should at least keep one real reaction."

"Right. Anyway, no matter whether Young Master Ling knows beforehand or not, we will have the same reaction," Chi Xingrui said.

When Lu Dongliu and that staff member heard that, they thought so too.

Hence, Lu Dongliu called Han Zhuoling again.

Of course, Han Zhuoling did not want to sleep in separate rooms with Shi Xiaoya. Even with the camera around and he could not do anything at all, he did not want to be apart from her.

So he agreed, and he okayed Lu Dongliu's request not to tell Shi Xiaoya beforehand about it.

However, Han Zhuoling also reminded him, "You can see her true reaction."

Anyway, he quite wanted to see it too.

"But you're not allowed to bully her," Han Zhuoling said.

Lu Dongliu wiped a bout of sweat and said, "How can I!"

Anyway, how would they dare to!

So, this matter was settled just like that.

Time went back to the day before the filming for the show. This time, the production team chose an island where the scenery and the weather were both very good.

Before the filming, the guests stayed in a normal hotel provided by the production team.

They would only move into the villa after the filming officially started.

Before the filming officially started, there would naturally not be any cameras following them.

Shi Xiaoya and Han Zhuoling were naturally assigned to the same room.

Shi Xiaoya did not ask how they will be assigned when the official filming started, because she did not know about the whole process at all.

She still thought that it would be how it was like usually, where the filming took place in the day and they would go back to rest on their own at night.

Chapter 2243: Cause Intense Discomfort to the Audience

Then, even if she and Han Zhuoling stayed in the same room, there would be no impact.

The next morning, it was the usual filming routine.

Shi Xiaoya woke up early and put on makeup for herself before she put on makeup for Han Zhuoling.

No makeup artists tried to come over to him.

That would be a joke. His girlfriend was a makeup artist, so would he need someone else?

As long as Han Zhuoling was around, he did not need other makeup artists to be assigned to him. This was tacitly understood by the production team long ago.

When the filming officially started, everyone first drew lots indoors for their teams.

In the end, Shi Xiaoya and Han Zhuoling got assigned to two separate teams.

Han Zhuoling's team had Zhang Shuidong, Lin Yantao, Zhang Jian, Cheng He, and Ni Xue.

Shi Xiaoya's team had Liu Chuanhui, Cao Jingcheng, Zhang Xiangyou, Lan Jiexin, and Peng Zhen.

In *Survivor*, female guests did not win new fans very easily, actually.

Because they lacked in many aspects concerning physical fitness and endurance.

Especially in rounds that were in the wild outdoors, they appeared a little delicate and spoiled to the viewers.

For some rounds that required a battle of wits and guts, they would keep using their weaknesses to coquettishly ask the other party to spare them.

This really made the audience dislike them.

Shi Xiaoya entered the show based on her abilities. Besides the added support from Han Zhuoling's fans, it was also because Shi Xiaoya lost very readily even though there were times when her fitness could not keep up.

If she lost, she lost. She would never plead for mercy and would not use her gender to ask the male guests to protect her or anything.

Of course, besides asking Han Zhuoling to protect her.

Asking her boyfriend to protect her was such a normal thing.

Shi Xiaoya's performance was quite positive, so the audience quite liked her.

It was the same for Lan Jiexin and Peng Zhen.

Lan Jiexin came from a martial arts celebrity background to begin with. Her personality was also one of a loud, tough female who could bear hard work and suffering.

She never held back her male teammates whenever she was with them.

When she was with female teammates, all kinds of difficult and tiring work were all done by her.

That really drew a wave of fans for her.

In *Greedy Wolf Operation*, which was directed by Sun Yiwu previously, the character that Lu Man acted was supposed to have been acted by Lan Jiexin originally.

But Lan Jiexin had had no choice but to withdraw from the role because of her injury, so she missed that initial chance to boost her popularity.

But a loss might actually lead to another gain.

Because on this show, Lan Jiexin attracted another wave of fans.

Same for Peng Zhen. Although she was a cute little lady, she was in the comedy line of work. She was loud and not bothered by trifles, had high EQ and swift reaction, and was a humorous person.

She was not as strong physically as Lan Jiexin, but at least she was willing to give everything a try and really made the audience like her too.

Shi Xiaoya, Lan Jiexin, and Peng Zhen were people with three different personalities, so they would not clash.

Then there's Ni Xue, who lost some of her popularity after she clashed against Lu Man back then.

After she shot a few dramas, with her pretty good image, her past was kind of whitewashed.

But after she participated in a few episodes in the past, the audience's reaction to her was not that good.

She walked in a gentle and elegant style, which was very unsuitable for this show, and she especially liked to act coy with male guests.

She did not have much abilities on her own and passed the rounds all the time by clinging on to others for help and cheering on male guests behind with a cutesy tone.

That caused intense discomfort to the audience.

So during the polls, there were really not a lot of audience members who voted for her.

Most of her votes were pulled up by her fans.

But even so, that was not enough to push her into the top 12.

But she had her sponsor.

That person also looked for people to buy votes, so her votes went up.

No one fought it out with her because she was at the bottom of the list for this 12-guest ranking.

Chapter 2244: He Was Not So Petty

And the few behind her, to be honest, were pretty similar to her in terms of their popularity among the audience.

Her sponsor also spoke to those few in advance, and that was why they did not fall out with each other.

As for Qin Zigou, as he was overseas attending a fashion week event and could not make it back in time, the production team did not list his name, making things clear right at the start.

Lest fans thought that the production team was using Qin Zigou to play around with them.

Qin Zigou's popularity was also quite high now.

Actually, if Qin Zigou had participated, no matter how much Ni Xue tried, she would have been no match for him. Her popularity was not on the same level.

When the production team announced the name list of the guests for the special episode and Ni Xue was included, the netizens were especially unhappy.

They all went to the production team's account to question why they chose Ni Xue.

The production team had no choice either.

If she bought votes, that was her problem. The production team could not control that.

They could only follow the rankings accordingly.

They released the results of the rankings.

The netizens all scolded Ni Xue for buying votes.

But the netizens had no choice either.

Apart from Ni Xue, the other guests were all too well-loved by the netizens. They could not possibly not watch the show just because of one Ni Xue.

Hence, one netizen said, "It's just like one rat dropping spoiling the entire pot of porridge!"

"Forget it. This just means I can't watch the live broadcast from the television station and will have to wait until after midnight for the online version. The moment I see Ni Xue come out, I will fast forward, or else I'm afraid I will puke."

"Ni Xue's skin is really thick, huh! Back then, she clashed with Lu Man. *Survivor* is a show invested in by the Han Corporation, yet now, Ni Xue still has the cheek to come and participate in it."

After the teams were assigned, in Shi Xiaoya's team, Zhang Xiangyou said jokingly, "Hey, Xiaoya and Young Master Ling aren't in the same team. Once we really face off, will Xiaoya help Young Master Ling, or will Young Master Ling help Xiaoya?"

Cao Jingcheng on the opposite side said, "The people who should really worry are us! Look at the previous episodes. Which time was it not Young Master Ling who went to help Xiaoya? It's as if we lost an ace member on our team and your side gained an extra member."

"Why does it feel as if we got an additional live-in son-in-law?" Peng Zhen said following that.

Yet the moment she said that, she clarified that she was not making fun of Han Zhuoling but of the others!

She totally reacted based on her professional subconscious mind!

She was too used to cracking jokes!

Cao Jingcheng laughed out loud, then pointed at Peng Zhen on the opposite side and said, "Peng Zhen, you should change your name to Clueless Peng Zhen!"

Peng Zhen seized the chance to lightly slap her own mouth and said, "Look at this bad mouth of mine!"

"Young Master Ling, you are definitely not someone who becomes a live-in son-in-law!" Peng Zhen said. She pushed Shi Xiaoya outside and said, "This daughter-in-law, I'll give her to you, we'll give her to you!"

Zhang Xiangyou laughed heartily and said, "Right, right, right, we will give her to you!"

Shi Xiaoya: "..."

"Why do I have to be given away? I didn't do anything!" Shi Xiaoya turned and waved at her teammates and said, "What are y'all doing, seriously? Why are you sending me away? If I'm here, we can have an extra external support!"

Everybody: "..."

Shi Xiaoya said this, not us!

Shi Xiaoya saw how they looked and could not help but laugh and say, "It's fine, he's not so petty."

As she said that, she returned to her own team.

Peng Zhen gratefully bowed with her palms together to everyone.

She did not know Han Zhuoling well as she had never attended any events with him before.

Han Zhuoling's aura was breathtaking.

She was afraid that she'd made Han Zhuoling unhappy with what she said.

Luckily, she had her teammates to help her out, and Shi Xiaoya's words at the end had shifted the attention over to her.

Chapter 2245: Luckily, the Two of Them Were Not in the Same Team

Han Zhuoling asked Lu Dongliu jokingly, "Can I change teams, then? Can I go over to their side? What they said makes sense. Anyway, if I faced off against Xiaoya, I would definitely help her. At the very least, I would withdraw. It's not possible for me to really compete against her."

Lu Dongliu sweated as he said, "That definitely won't do. We already drew the lots."

Shi Xiaoya said, "Don't worry, I will definitely be disqualified very early on, so we won't face each other."

"Young Master Ling, does that mean that as long as you don't see Xiaoya, you won't help them?" Cao Jingcheng asked.

"Of course, I'm still in our team!" Han Zhuoling said indignantly.

Zhang Shuidong said nervously, "You actually know you're in our team!"

Shi Xiaoya was laughing happily on the opposite side. "Then I will try my best to hide from him."

Han Zhuoling did not say anything and just looked over coldly. His intentions could not be more obvious. "You dare."

"Tsk, ts. The show just started, and we got a huge bout of PDA already. Luckily, they are not on the same time," Liu Chuanhui said jokingly.

After saying that, he even turned and said to Shi Xiaoya's videographer and follow director, "The two of you can take it a little easier."

The videographer brother and director scoffed!

This time was different from the scheming competitions of the past as they adopted a team-level play.

There was a mission for every round, so there would not be a situation where a team member would get disqualified.

Of course, the team that passed the round first would definitely get higher points.

This would be used to decide the final winner.

This time, a team-level play would decide who would attain victory, not an individual battle.

For the first round, they were playing relay Klotski.

Everyone went to the beach.

Running on sand would naturally be slower, because when the foot landed, it would sink into the sand.

And because of the softness of the sand, it would not be good to exert strength, so it was different from usual running.

The two teams lined up accordingly.

Fifty meters away, there were two boards around the height of a person, with foam boards embedded on them.

"The first round is relay Klotski. Members from each team are to run over and can only move one piece at a time. The team that passes the round first wins," Chi Xingrui said behind the camera.

As Shi Xiaoya's team had a total of three celebrities, including herself, they were on the losing end for the fitness aspect.

But luckily, Lan Jiexin was able to run as fast as the other teams' members.

Zhang Shuidong's fitness was not very good. Shi Xiaoya was trailing behind him, but not too far away from him.

When it came to Peng Zhen, she lagged quite far behind.

But the importance lay in the participation, after all.

The team on this side did not look down on the three ladies and cheered for them together.

Han Zhuoling's fitness was good, along with his intelligence.

He glanced into the distance and already thought of how to play the game, and he even told the others how they should play their move.

On Han Zhuoling's side, it was no surprise that they won the first round.

"It's fine, it's fine! We still have a chance afterward!" Liu Chuanhui said.

For the subsequent rounds, there were some wins and losses, and there were instances where Han Zhuoling lost without anyone sensing anything amiss.

Or else, if he kept ruining the scenes, the variety effect would not be good when the show aired.

The only interlude was that in Han Zhuoling's team, as the only female celebrity, Ni Xue used the chance when doing the missions together to keep leaning close to Han Zhuoling.

But luckily, she was smarter than Jiang Yuhan and the others and did not make it so obvious.

At most, she just looked a little sl*tty.

But no matter whether it was the guests or the staff, they had seen countless such incidents.

Who here did not know what she was thinking?

They just did not expect that though his legitimate girlfriend was here, Ni Xue would still dare to have such intentions.

Chapter 2246: To Think You're A Rich Second-generation Heir

It's just that she did not make it too obvious, so it was not good for other people to say anything.

Zhang Shuidong and the others pretended to unintentionally edge Ni Xue away to prevent her from getting close to Han Zhuoling as much as possible.

During the break, Guo Yujie came to pass water to Shi Xiaoya and said in a low voice, "You didn't only focus on doing the mission just now, right? Did you see what Ni Xue was doing over there?"

"I saw." Shi Xiaoya was not too happy about it deep down either.

In the past, she was more dense when it came to feelings.

But as she was in love now and had someone she cared about, she became much sharper.

This might be a natural skill for women.

When an enemy came to invade her territory and covet the person that belonged to her, alarm bells would immediately sound in her heart.

She'd become a professional who could spot a love rival with one look and identify sl*ts without anyone pointing them out.

Even if Ni Xue did not dare to make it too obvious, Shi Xiaoya could still tell.

"Doesn't she have a sponsor? Isn't she scared that the sponsor will hear about this?" Shi Xiaoya asked in a low voice. "And this show will be aired. The netizens are so impressive as to dig out so many things from just a little bit of detail. Her petty schemes will definitely be seen through."

Her reputation would stink then.

“So she also has her reservations and doesn’t dare to make it too obvious,” Guo Yujie said in a low voice. “But I heard that she and that sponsor seem to be reaching the end of their relationship. Do you know who that sponsor of hers is?”

“Who?” Shi Xiaoya asked.

“To think that you’re actually a rich second-generation heir!” Guo Yujie said sarcastically. “He’s in the same circle as you yet you don’t know and still have to ask me!”

Shi Xiaoya: “...”

Wasn’t this because her gossip skills weren’t as strong as Guo Yujie’s?

Anyway, she only knew her older brother’s friends and Han Zhuoling’s friends.

Among those people, none would keep celebrities as mistresses.

“I asked around. It’s He Bi Jewelry’s CEO, Dong Jianbi,” Guo Yujie said.

Shi Xiaoya really did not know who he was. “He must be around fifty, right?”

“You don’t say?” Guo Yujie pursed her lips and said, “Young and rich second-generation heirs are scarce resources. You think anyone can just find a young one? Those young ones only want to play but don’t want to sponsor. When they are on good terms with you, they will just give you some money and that’s it. There are those who invest in you to act, but there are not many of them. Won’t others have to find all these old ones?”

Guo Yujie continued, “I heard Boss Dong quite likes young female stars, and he loves to find those who have just started their careers and have quite a lot of potential but still need some resources and opportunities.”

Usually, when Shi Xiaoya did makeup for celebrities, Guo Yujie would go and find staff members to chat with after she was done with her work, from those working with management companies to those working in media corporations.

Shi Xiaoya felt that Guo Yujie probably had around the same amount of gossip as that of paparazzi reporters.

“I heard from people that because they just debuted and haven’t had the chance to find a sponsor yet, they are considered clean and pure, and they are also young. After a while, when he gets tired of them and the person has also gotten quite a fair bit of resources from him, he will turn to his next target.

“I heard that that Boss Dong already has a new target now, and he already gave Ni Xue a sum of money before this. And as their breakup gift, he even gifted her a resource,” Guo Yujie said. “So she’s thinking of finding another sponsor now.

“Even if this airs on television and her sponsor sees it, she need not be scared,” Guo Yujie said. “Actually, speaking of that, her ex-sponsor is also said to have been squeezed dry by her.. But a person like Ni Xue who has no morals won’t care if she squeezed other people dry.”

Chapter 2247: You’re Not Allowed to Accept Any of Them

“Your Young Master Ling is young and handsome, his capabilities are solid, and he’s a resource magnet. In their eyes, he is like a mountain of diamonds. So even if you’re standing here, she naturally would not let the chance go when she sees it right in front of her.”

But Ni Xue was really quite smart.

If it did not succeed, at most, she would be bashed for having more of a sl*tty personality.

This kind of ambiguous romantic feeling made people unable to say anything even if they wanted to.

They could not hold her to anything.

“Aiya, Young Master Ling is here!” Guo Yujie said. “I’m going off now, bye.”

As a single dog, she needed to have the self-awareness not to be a third wheel.

Guo Yujie instantly ran to find the staff, to see if she could get wind of any breaking gossip news.

Han Zhuoling came empty-handed and did not bring any water.

“Do you still have water left?” When Han Zhuoling asked this, his eyes were fixed on the bottle of mineral water in Shi Xiaoya’s hands.

Shi Xiaoya innocently passed him her own bottle of water that she had already drunk half of and asked, “I only have one bottle, and I drank from it already. I’ll go ask the staff to give you another bottle. Why, didn’t anyone give you water just now?”

Han Zhuoling did not seem to mind as he took the bottle of water Shi Xiaoya had passed to him. He took two mouthfuls from the small bottle opening.

The bottle opening was not big. No matter from which angle, his lips were completely stuck to the bottle opening.

So no matter what, Han Zhuoling would come into contact with the spot that Shi Xiaoya had come into contact with before.

Han Zhuoling naturally did not mind at all, even though the bottle opening had Shi Xiaoya’s lipstick stain on it. Han Zhuoling even specially put his lips right at the spot where that lipstick stain was and drank from the bottle.

Shi Xiaoya happened to see that, and her face reddened as if it was about to burn from heating up.

After drinking two mouthfuls to quench his thirst, Han Zhuoling then said, “That Ni Xue wanted to pass a bottle to me. I didn’t take it. I came instead to get one from you.”

When Shi Xiaoya heard that, she subconsciously looked at Ni Xue in the near distance.

She saw that she still had a bottle of water in her hands and was looking in her and Han Zhuoling’s direction.

Shi Xiaoya quietly retracted her gaze and smiled happily at Han Zhuoling, but she said, "You did very well! Next time, no matter which woman gives you things, you're not allowed to accept any of them!"

Han Zhuoling held back his laughter as he raised his eyebrow at her.

Shi Xiaoya felt a little guilty from his stare and reflected on herself. Were her words too fierce or was her attitude not too good?

But thinking about it, like this, she was just caring for him. There's nothing wrong with that!

So she lifted her chin slightly and straightened her neck to look at him.

She would not admit defeat.

Han Zhuoling finally could not help but laugh. Being bossed around by her like this made him quite happy too.

"Okay." Han Zhuoling nodded.

Seeing his reaction, Shi Xiaoya actually felt that he seemed a little obedient.

Not far away, the staff saw the two of them actually sharing a bottle.

They thought to themselves that the production team was not so miserly, and they quickly sent another two bottles of water over.

Han Zhuoling took the bottle of water, opened it, but gave it to Shi Xiaoya.

He still continued drinking from the bottle that Shi Xiaoya had just drunk from.

After the break, Chi Xingrui loudly reminded them that they were about to continue filming.

"Let's film one more round and we can go back and rest," Chi Xingrui said.

"Yoohoo!" Liu Chuanhui passed his water to his assistant and said, "Why is today so good? We only filmed for less than half a day."

"We are filming a special episode this time and are not making the competition rounds the main highlight of the show. The audience members who want to watch the guests passing through rounds can totally go and watch the usual episodes. We want to make this episode distinct from the usual episodes," Lu Dongliu explained. "Besides the competition rounds, there will also be other things. We will keep those a secret for now."

"Sure. No matter what, I'm happy as long as we can do fewer missions and expend less energy.." Liu Chuanhui stretched his elbows and rotated his waist a few times before saying, "I have to go easy on my old elbows and legs."

Chapter 2248: Advance and Retreat

Han Zhuoling needed to return to his team. Before he left, he quickly kissed Shi Xiaoya and did not care that there were still so many people who could see.

Shi Xiaoya felt that Han Zhuoling did this in part for Ni Xue to see as well.

To let Ni Xue have some bit of self-awareness.

Ni Xue's behavior could really put people off.

On her end, she was stuck in a precarious situation between advance and retreat.

She only revealed a little hint of her intentions, so it was really not appropriate for Han Zhuoling to get angry with her.

Whether Ni Xue gave up her thoughts in the end because of this, Shi Xiaoya did not know.

But the others had all been blinded by that moment.

Cao Jingcheng looked all stunned and blinded as he lifted his hand to shield his eyes. "Aiyo, aiyo. Have you taken photos of them? Edit it into the bonus scenes for the audience to watch!"

"Exactly. Lest the audience asks every day to see their PDA. Just feed them fully at once with it."

They did not know how the people at this massive singles-abusing scene felt about being abused in this manner.

Shi Xiaoya quickly smiled at Han Zhuoling and returned to her team.

Lan Jiexin also secretly giggled as she said to Peng Zhen, "I actually didn't expect that Young Master Ling would actually have such a side to him."

"Yeah. Previously when I watched the show and saw Young Master Ling's interactions with Xiaoya, I thought it was the production team that specially edited it that way. Although they are a real couple, Young Master Ling just didn't seem like someone who could do mushy actions. Now that I'm seeing them today, I think the production team probably only edited it a little. They probably cut out the even more mushy parts."

Lan Jiexin laughed and said, "Then I guess if you use this to poke fun at Young Master Ling, he probably wouldn't get angry."

Or else, if Peng Zhen really did not dare to crack any jokes about Han Zhuoling at all, her scenes would definitely be much fewer, so Peng Zhen's overall show appearance would not be good enough.

The production team would definitely give many scenes to Han Zhuoling. If Peng Zhen wanted to perform, she had to be bold as well.

Or else, even if she came this time, she would be like an obscure person, and the effect would not be so good.

Peng Zhen knew that Lan Jiexin was sincerely being considerate of her, so she smiled at her gratefully.

Shi Xiaoya walked back and happened to hear their conversation, so she said to Peng Zhen, "You can just make jokes like how you normally do in shows. Zhuoling isn't so petty. And you usually make jokes very artfully and manage them very well. It doesn't make people feel offended and it can let the audience feel that it's especially funny too. Just speak without worrying about it."

With Shi Xiaoya's promise, Peng Zhen felt a boost of courage. "You said it! If Young Master Ling really becomes unhappy, you can help me hold him up a little."

This concerned her future.

"Don't worry. Zhuoling really isn't so petty. He only looks so cold and aloof, but he's really big-hearted. He won't mind all these things. Look at Brother Cao and the others, you also make jokes about them," Shi Xiaoya said with a smile to assure her.

"Anyway, I also watched you on shows before. You even dare to make jokes about Teacher Zhang Shuidong, Brother Cao, and many more seniors! You weren't so reserved then."

"That's different," Peng Zhen said in a small voice. "We are all celebrities and understand the need for variety show effects. And I didn't go overboard either. We were just making jokes about each other, and that could even boost our popularity with the audience."

"But Young Master Ling is not a celebrity, after all." He might not know about things like creating variety show effects. "And Young Master Ling also controls our future livelihoods."

Shi Xiaoya held back her laughter and said, "It's fine, it's fine. As long as you don't violate his principles, he really wouldn't do anything to you.. As for what kind of principles they are, just think about what kind of principles a righteous person would have and he would have all of those."

Chapter 2249: Zero Points

There was no time to say anything more as they were about to continue filming again.

Who knew if it was because Shi Xiaoya's and Lan Jiexin's encouragement worked, but Peng Zhen indeed let loose a little more and talked a little more humorously, making the atmosphere become more friendly and interesting.

After the filming for today's last mission round was done, everyone was led by the production team to the mountains nearby.

Both sides of the path were filled with pretty tropical plants, which was completely different from the North.

Although it was not her first time seeing them, every time she saw them, she would feel that they were very pretty, as if this was a different world from the B City she usually lived in.

This mountain was filled with holiday villas, so the scenery was very nice.

That's why the roads and other infrastructure on the way there were developed very properly as well.

The mountain was not very high. After a few rounds of circling the mountain roads, they reached their destination.

When they looked down below, the view of the sea greeted their eyes.

"This is the accommodation we've arranged for everyone for tonight," Chi Xingrui said.

“Although today was a team competition, even within each team, there are people who earned a lot of points for their team and people who earned little,” Chi Xingrui explained. “So for the choosing of rooms tonight, we will arrange it going by the highest to the lowest score.

“The person with the highest number of points has the right to choose his or her room first,” Chi Xingrui said. “Now, let me announce the points each person had scored for their team.”

“Han Zhuoling, six points. There were a total of three competitions. The full score for each competition was two points, that’s why he had a total of six points.”

“Cao Jingcheng, five points.”

“Zhang Jian, five points.”

“Zhang Xiangyou, four points.”

“Lin Yantao and Lan Jiexin, three points each.”

“Zhang Shuidong and Liu Chuanhui, two points each.”

“Peng Zhen, one point.”

“Shi Xiaoya, one point.”

“Ni Xue, zero points.”

The moment they heard Ni Xue’s score, everyone knew the reason for it.

During the missions, Ni Xue only cared about acting cute and being coy. How would she get any points?

She probably did not expect either that the accommodation arrangement would actually be linked to her contribution to the team.

As it was a team competition, the production team wanted to use this method to show that everyone was a part of the team.

Indeed, Lu Dongliu was heard saying, “Everyone is a part of the team. They did their best to win points for the team they are in and did not just rely on one or a few people in the team to win points while they themselves did not do anything.

“The spirit of a team competition gets lost when it’s like that. Team spirit isn’t just in our competition or our show. It exists in life and in various aspects of work,” Lu Dongliu said. “We do this also to spread the message of team spirit out.

“When working in a team, each of us is very important. Perhaps our abilities might not meet the target requirement, but as long as we try our best, even if we did not get any points ourselves, as long as we can help our team and our teammates win points, that is also a form of victory.

“Working together as a team is not slacking. It’s not that it will be okay as long as there are other capable people tanking the work, so you’ll just muddle along without doing anything. When working as a team, everyone has their own job to finish. Even if they are just going to be a tiny screw, they will also need to do their part to contribute to the team.”

Hearing Lu Dongliu's words, why did it sound as if he was talking about Ni Xue?

Everyone took their scores.

Even Shi Xiaoya and Peng Zhen, both ladies who were weak physically, each got one point.

Only Ni Xue got zero.

As to why she got zero, everyone knew very well.

The whole time, she was only saying, "Young Master Ling, you can do it!"

"Young Master Ling, you are so amazing!"

Chapter 2250: Know How to Play

"I can't, I can't!"

"Aiya, I can't!"

Besides being a burden, she was just cheering on Han Zhuoling.

Who else would not understand?

Everyone could not help but look at Ni Xue.

Ni Xue's face reddened.

They were still filming the show!

Lu Dongliu's words were clearly meant to get more views and attention for the show, reacting to the calls for a new generation of policy towards variety shows nowadays.

These attention-grabbing words would definitely be aired.

Then wouldn't the audience also be able to tell that Lu Dongliu was talking about her?

Before the camera panned to her, Ni Xue's expression instantly darkened and she stared coldly at Lu Dongliu.

What vengeance and grievance did he have for him to say it so openly like this!

But none of the others pitied her at all, and no one cared about how she felt.

Peng Zhen secretly raised her thumb and said to Shi Xiaoya and Lan Jiexin, who were standing beside her, "No wonder the show can go viral and become so popular. It even aired so smoothly without being asked to stop broadcast or correct anything."

Because there were more new regulations this year, quite a few shows that aired at the same time as theirs had had to temporarily stop airing, due to requests that they should not just be comedic but also impart proper guidance.

They'd had to add segments with meaningful lessons and proper guidance. They had to go even deeper beyond just creating entertainment.

Many shows fell short on this point.

They needed to be educational but also entertaining. By themselves, these were two very difficult things to integrate.

But Lu Dongliu did it very well.

“Director Lu really knows how to play.” Lan Jiexin nodded. “He just inserted such a line to achieve the theme, but for the rest of the time, it’s still the content that the audience loves.”

“Now, then, let’s begin with the choosing of rooms,” Chi Xingrui said. “The guests with higher points also have one more right, which is that they can choose one person among those with lower points to be their roommates. That is, they could have the other party share a room with them.

“Of course, you cannot choose anyone but then have a room to yourself,” Chi Xingrui said. “If, in the end, there are no more empty rooms left for the guests with low points, they will receive a punishment from the production team.”

Lu Dongliu laughed and added, “Actually, this is also considered a different form of mission segment. The crux of this segment is teamwork.”

And there was one point which Lu Dongliu did not say, which was that the time to test each person’s relations with other people had come.

Han Zhuoling and Shi Xiaoya naturally did not need to worry.

Han Zhuoling had the highest points right now. After he chose a room, he would definitely choose to stay together with Shi Xiaoya.

As for the others, they might not be very good friends outside the show, but at least during the filming period, their relations were all pretty good.

Everyone had filmed a few episodes with each other before. They got along quite well and did not need to worry.

Then there’s Ni Xue, who’d irked everyone else because of her actions previously.

Although they would not say anything on the surface and would still laugh and chat happily when filming the show, it was really hard to say if anyone would choose her in the end.

The original eight-men and four-women team actually would not have anyone being left out.

But Han Zhuoling would definitely choose Shi Xiaoya, so in this way, there would surely be one man and one woman being left out.

Besides Han Zhuoling, the rest of the male guests would definitely not choose to share a room with a female guest.

Then, there would definitely be one female guest who would be left alone.

In this way, Ni Xue would be in a very precarious situation.

Ni Xue then looked to Lan Jiexin.

She was the one with the highest points among the female guests.

Lan Jiexin pretended not to see Ni Xue's gaze and continued chatting happily with Peng Zhen.

Chi Xingrui said at this moment, "Now, let's invite the guest with the highest points, Han Zhuoling, to come and choose a room."