

Priceless Baby 1011

Chapter 1011: Way Too Smart

"Aunty Orange, let me read you a poem!" Ying Bao said.

"Okay! Let me hear it."

"The itsy-bitsy spider climbed up the water spout..." Ying Bao chanted as she shook her head, left to right with the rhythm.

"Well done!" Ye Xun praised after Ying Bao finished.

"Uncle Treeleaf! I have a question for you!" Ying Bao said. "Do you know how many people are in this room now?"

"That's too easy! 10!"

"Wrong!" Ying Bao said as she stood up and pointed at Fang Xiaocheng's belly. "The answer is 11. You forgot Aunty Orange's baby!"

"You're right!" Ye Xun completely forgot about the baby and could not help but sigh at how smart the kids nowadays were getting.

"But we could have 13 people in the near future too," Ying Bao continued.

"13? How so?" Ye Xun asked.

"If my mummy has a baby and Aunty Three Eyes has a baby too," Ying Bao smiled.

Even though Ying Bao was serious about it, she made the adults all laugh at what she said. Huo Sanyan even collapsed into Ye Xun's arms while laughing.

"Hey, boss! Isn't your daughter getting too smart? It'll be a disaster if she continues to grow at this rate!" Ye Xun said.

But Huo Yunshen was really proud of his daughter. It wasn't that he was trying to boast, but he also agreed that his daughter was a genius.

With her father's and mother's genes, the little kid was blessed with high IQ and EQ.

It would be hard to imagine how Ying Bao would grow up in the future.

But the couple only wished that she could grow up in a healthy and safe environment, so the future would work its way out naturally.

Since Yi Xiao's right hand was hurt, he struggled with his chopsticks. Fang Xiaocheng noticed it and helped him with it.

"Let me help you," Fang Xiaocheng offered.

"Thank you."

“Don't worry about it.”

Fang Xiaocheng was really grateful towards the hospitality Yi Xiao was showing her. She even got anxious when she saw Yi Xiao come back with bandages around his arm.

Even though she kept telling herself that they would always remain friends, she couldn't hold back when she saw Yi Xiao unable to move around freely.

Xu Xiyan also noticed that Fang Xiaocheng wasn't as cold and rejecting towards Yi Xiao anymore. Fang Xiaocheng had become livelier than she used to be after Wang Dazhi's death.

Xu Xiyan really hoped for Fang Xiaocheng's happiness, as she knew Wang Dazhi would've hoped for that too.

Xu Xiyan returned to the cooking show for the third and fourth sections recording the next day.

The third section was titled Celebrity Chef's Innovative Dish. Xu Xiyan created a dish with the seasonal greens and livestock, French Grilled Foie Gras.

The dish was so innovative that William, an innovative head chef at a large western restaurant, gave her a 9.9 score.

But Zhong Qingzi gave a completely different opinion on her dish.

“Even though your dish is innovative, I can't give you a high score because of the ingredient you used,” Zhong Qingzi said. “As a conservationist, I completely despise the use of Foie Gras in dishes!”

Chapter 1012: She Could Only Blame Herself For Underestimating Her

Zhong Qingzi was so offended by it that she would forego giving a score at all. The atmosphere at the studio became awkward.

Many food lovers know that foie gras is the most fashionable dish in Western food.

However, what those lovers of small animals abhorred the most was eating animals and their organs. They equated it to cruel killing.

And Xu Xiyan just happened to offend them today.

At the side, Shen Mengyuan's heart was filled with glee. Thanks to this dish, her aunt would never give Jing Xi a score, and then Jing Xi would inevitably be eliminated in this round.

She waited to watch the good show that was about to unfold. She wanted to see how Jing Xi was going to be eliminated from this round and get ousted out of the game.

At this time, Xu Xiyan picked up the microphone and looked directly at Zhong Qingzi who was sitting at the judges' table. She asked her, “Mrs. Zhong, you've said it yourself just now that you admit that my

dish is creative. I would like to ask this now: if I'd used something else other than foie gras as my cooking ingredient today, how would you score me?"

As a proud supporter of animal welfare, Zhong Qingzi said scornfully, "Based on the creativity of your dish, I can give you 9.5 points. However, if you use foie gras, I can only give you 5.9 points—or rather, 0 points."

"Thank you for your answer, Mrs. Zhong."

Not only did Xu Xiyan not display any feelings of discouragement, but she began to explain boldly, "In truth, before making this dish today, I specially visited Mrs. Zhong's official website. I know that Mrs. Zhong is an animal protector and I personally agree with Mrs. Zhong's enthusiasm for animal welfare. Everyone should protect animals and should not kill them indiscriminately. Therefore, when cooking, I especially replaced foie gras with a substitute ingredient. This substitute ingredient is a common household ingredient and everyone has eaten it before—it is our most famous Ztanese tofu."

Tofu?

Everyone was incredulous after listening to her words—especially Mr. Fu Qiang, who had just tasted the dish just now. He immediately exclaimed, "How could it be tofu? Didn't I say I'm a food connoisseur with a keen tongue? But I could taste that it is obviously foie gras!"

"If everyone does not believe me, can I ask Mr. William to help identify it?"

Xu Xiyan looked at Mr. William. Mr. William explained with a smile, "Indeed when I had the first bite, I thought it was foie gras as well. But after tasting it carefully again, I found out that it is not foie gras. It tasted even more delicate than foie gras. I didn't expect it to be Ztanese tofu. I can only say that this dish is really amazing! I want to change my score just now—I'm giving you 10 points."

William erased the 9.9 points he had written just now on his board, then wrote a score of 10 for the beautiful and creative star chef.

Zhong Qingzi felt as though she had been given a slap on the face in front of the public. Her face turned dark.

Never in her dreams would she have thought that Jing Xi would use tofu instead of foie gras, giving this French dish an ultimate taste—and yet she could not tell it was tofu at all.

It would be very embarrassing if the public got wind of this. How could she claim herself to be a food expert?

Zhong Qingzi looked back at the stage at Jing Xi, hatred flashing across her eyes. She could only blame herself for underestimating her, as she had completely not expected Jing Xi to be so cunning—the woman had actually taken advantage of her weakness.

She had seized the fact that she was a supporter of animal welfare and deliberately made foie gras. Wasn't this a trick to get back at her?

How dare you, Jing Xi!

Zhong Qingzi was fuming with anger inside, but she did not show it on her face.

Several other judges had also given Jing Xi a high score of 10 points. Everyone was now waiting for her score.

Xu Xiyuan asked calmly, "Do you still mean what you said just now, Mrs. Zhong?"

Chapter 1013: Take Extreme Measures

There was no way Zhong Qingzi could go back on her word in front of a huge audience.

She had no choice but to give Xu Xiyuan a 9.5 score.

With that, Xu Xiyuan got the first place for that round, and two other participants were eliminated.

Shen Mengyuan was speechless when she saw the scores on the screen.

Shen Mengyuan thought that Xu Xiyuan would be eliminated for sure, but not only had she managed to avoid that, she even got the highest score.

Shen Mengyuan snuck off to her aunt's room during the break again.

"That girl is insane, being able to do something like that!" Zhong Qingzi scolded.

"I've already told you that she's not your average joe. There's no way Huo Yunshen would fall for someone normal," Shen Mengyuan said.

"We have to think of something," Zhong Qingzi said as she began to think. "She must not score a high score in the next round. It would be best if we could just eliminate her too."

"But there are four judges in total. You could give her a low score, but the other three wouldn't. She will win if this goes on."

"I have an idea. Do you want to try it?"

"What's that?"

"If we can pull two other judges to our side, we can eliminate her," Zhong Qingzi grinned.

"Which two are you thinking?"

"Since William is from another country, we have no leverage over him," Zhong Qingzi said. "But Fu Qiang and An Nan on the other hand... As long as we get them on our side, we can eliminate Jing Xi easily."

"And how do we do that?"

"I have something of a relationship with Fu Qiang. I could just invite him to dinner and make him a proposal. As for An Nan, you have to take care of him."

"Fine! I'll do it!"

Shen Mengyuan was prepared to take extreme measures as long as she could get rid of Jing Xi.

The fourth section was themed Group War, where the remaining six participants were split into three groups.

Xu Xiyan was put in the same group with Han Xinyun, while Shen Mengyuan was partnered up with He Hua, a veteran actress.

The fourth round emphasized group work. Xu Xiyan and Han Xinyun worked together almost perfectly to produce three dishes, and they got to know each other more while they were cooking.

Han Xinyun got into the acting business earlier, and in terms of status, she was Xu Xiyan's senior.

Xu Xiyan tried to call her with honorifics, but Han Xinyun stopped Xu Xiyan and asked her to call her "Yun Sis" instead.

They kept talking as they were preparing the dishes. Since no microphones were on them while they were cooking, the contents of their chats weren't recorded.

"Jing Xi, your cooking is really on par with your acting!" Han Xinyun praised in surprise. "No wonder Mr. Huo would only look at you! You must've enchanted him with your food, am I right?"

"You're too generous," Xu Xiyan laughed. "Your acting is way better than mine. I still have to learn a lot from you. As for being enchanted by food, I think it's the other way around."

Chapter 1014: Trapped

Mentioning Huo Yunshen made a smile creep up onto Xu Xiyan's face; her heart was overflowing with sweetness.

Han Xinyun was surprised. "So, Mr. Huo knows how to cook too?"

"Yeah, and he's a better cook than I am."

"Oh, then you are really lucky!" Han Xinyun said with sincere envy.

Xu Xiyan was very happy, working on her dish more adeptly. The two worked together and finished the first dish.

While they were preparing the second dish, Han Xinyun looked up at the table beside them. She saw Shen Mengyuan watching her too.

The other woman was telling her something with her eyes. After understanding what was implied, Han Xinyun turned around and glanced at Jing Xi, who was fully focused on preparing the ingredients.

She sighed inwardly, woe swelling in her heart.

Before this, Shen Mengyuan had sought her out in private after learning that she and Jing Xi were on the same team. She wanted her to temper with Jing Xi's work and stop Jing Xi from winning this round.

However, after seeing how serious and focused Jing Xi was in her work and learning the heart moving love she shared with Huo Yunshen, she couldn't bear to do it.

But Shen Mengyuan had pressured her again just now. If she did not do what she was told, Shen Mengyuan would expose the photos of her being forced to sleep with a top executive of the entertainment circle.

Right now, Han Xinyun felt trapped.

"Sister Yun, I've prepared the ingredients for the second dish. Please help me put some salt in it."

Xu Xiyan had her hands full. There was less than half an hour before the competition ends; she had to step up and prepare the ingredients for the third dish at the same time.

"Oh," Han Xinyun answered her briefly. She looked at the ingredients and the bowl of salt before her, feeling extremely conflicted inside.

It was especially easy to ruin a dish. If she were to add a little more salt now, the taste would be ruined.

And if this dish was ruined, it would be impossible for Jing Xi to make it to the next round in this group competition.

However, this meant that Han Xinyun would not be able to make it to the next round either, but she would be able to keep her reputation.

So she had yet to move. She was hesitating.

After a long time without seeing Han Xinyun adding the salt for her, Xu Xiyan turned to glance at her. She noticed that she had an uneasy look on her face and she looked completely stiff with nervousness.

"Sister Yun, are you alright? If you're not feeling well, just leave the rest to me."

Before entering the set of the show, Xu Xiyan had noticed that Han Xinyun had asked her assistant to help her to buy sanitary pads. At this moment, she thought Han Xinyun didn't look so well was due to her menstrual pain.

"It's alright. I can continue." Han Xinyun forced a smile on her face as she shook her head. She scooped out some salt from the salt bowl, added it to the dish, then mixed it evenly.

They completed the second and third dishes one after another. The time was up and it was time for judging.

The judges tasted the dishes one by one and scored them.

Although Zhong Qingzi still gave them the lowest score, the other judges had given them very high scores. When the average score was calculated, it turned out that they were not the worst group.

When all the scores were announced, it was not Jing Xi and Han Xinyun's group that had been eliminated; it was the group of singers that was eliminated out of the round.

Puzzled, Shen Mengyuan turned to look at Han Xinyun. She was griping inside: Han Xinyun, what the hell are you doing?

Are you trying to play a fool with me?

I've told you to destroy Jing Xi's work. Are you this f*cking disobedient?

Do you wish to ruin yourself?

Fine then. Since you did not do what I said, just wait and see!

Shen Mengyuan was fuming with hate inside. She had already prepared the materials to expose photos of Han Xinyun sleeping with a top executive, ready to publish them tomorrow. She would have Han Xinyun know her wrath.

However, Han Xinyun felt relief in her heart now. At the very moment when she was adding the salt, she had chosen to heed her conscience, choosing to ruin herself rather than to harm someone else.

Chapter 1015: To That Extent

Han Xinyun knew about the consequences, but she chose to ignore them. She was the type of person who would not throw away her humanity just for benefits.

After the recording for the fourth section ended, Xu Xiyuan left the recording room with Han Xinyun.

When Xu Xiyuan left the studio in her van, she noticed Han Xinyun was waiting for her ride with her assistant and offered them a ride.

Han Xinyun did not reject and went into Xu Xiyuan's van while telling the driver her address.

"Jing Xi," Han Xinyun suddenly turned serious as they were chatting. "I might quit the competition tomorrow. Please do your best!"

"What? Why? We got into the next round together, and you're quitting instead?"

"I..." Han Xinyun paused. "Even though we've just met each other, I really like your personality. But not everyone is like me. All I can tell you is that you should be wary of the people around you, especially Shen Mengyuan."

"Shen Mengyuan?" Xu Xiyuan's attention was caught by the name. "Yun Sis, please tell me the truth. Did Shen Mengyuan say something?"

"Yes, she told me to ruin your dish today so that you would fail. But I did not do what I was asked to, and my career will be over..."

Shen Mengyuan told Xu Xiyuan all about how Shen Mengyuan coerced her with nude pictures of her so that Xu Xiyuan could be wary of Shen Mengyuan.

Xu Xiyuan could not believe that Shen Mengyuan would go to that extent just to win the competition after hearing Han Xinyun's story.

If the pictures were made public online, Han Xinyun's future would be completely ruined.

"Don't worry about it!" Xu Xiyan said as she pulled Han Xinyun's hand. "I'll never let her hurt you! You have to come tomorrow!"

"But..."

Han Xinyun was really afraid of the scandal, and it might bring problems to the show.

"I will ask my husband to help you with it! He definitely has a way to stop the scandal from spreading."

"All right, I'll do as you say," Han Xinyun sighed. She knew about the things that Huo Yunshen was capable of.

The talk between them after that mostly revolved around Shen Mengyuan.

"One of the judges must be close with her," Han Xinyun said. "There's no way she would still be in the competition until now. Your dishes are so much better than hers."

"I suspect so. But I never found out anything about her background with any of the judges."

"It must be Zhong Qingzi. I saw Shen Mengyuan going to her room once."

"Zhong Qingzi?"

Xu Xiyan was shocked. She thought that Shen Mengyuan might be close to one of the male judges but never expected the person to be Zhong Qingzi.

But everything made sense once Xu Xiyan thought about it.

Zhong Qingzi had been giving her nothing but bad comments all because of Shen Mengyuan.

Priceless Baby's Super Daddy 1016 Like A Wolf

After sending Han Xinyun and her assistant home, the celebrity van turned around and headed back to Shengshi Yujing.

Xu Xiyan returned home and saw that her husband and daughter had yet to sleep. They were absorbed in finishing a jigsaw puzzle together.

"I'm home, dear!"

Xu Xiyan changed her shoes and entered, hanging her coat on the coat rack by the door.

Hearing his wife's voice, Huo Yunshen turned around to glance quickly at the door, then looked back to his daughter and said, "Your mommy is back. Let's continue tomorrow!"

"Okay!" Ying Bao put down the jigsaw puzzle pieces, then immediately jumped up from the carpet and ran over to greet her mother. "Mommyyy!"

"Baby!" Xu Xiyan squatted down and gave a big hug to her daughter, then both mother and daughter exchanged kisses on each other's faces.

After they were done kissing, Xu Xiyan picked up her daughter. Ying Bao turned to look at her father, beckoning him, "Daddy, you still haven't kissed Mommy!"

Huo Yunshen came over and took both mother and daughter into his arms, planting a kiss on his wife's cheek.

Xu Xiyan stifled a giggle, then gave him a look. "Alright, enough fooling around."

The two had agreed before not to display acts of intimacy in front of the child. How could this guy forget?

"It was our daughter's request," Huo Yunshen said innocently.

"So that's your excuse, huh?" Xu Xiyan laughed.

"Uh-huh..." The man raised his eyebrows smugly.

Ying Bao expressed her dissatisfaction with her parent's performance. "Daddy, your kiss just now did not pass. It was not loud enough!"

"See!"

With a helpless look, Huo Yunshen leaned over and planted a big kiss on Xu Xiyan's cheek, making a loud smacking noise.

Then, he asked the little girl, "Is this good enough, Baby?"

"Mmm, not bad." The little girl nodded, then added, "But it was not as loud as the kiss Brother Feimo gave to Baby."

"..."

Huo Yunshen almost fainted when he heard this.

As long he thought of that rascal Tang Feimo, Huo Yunshen simply felt so peeved that he felt like he was going to have an internal hemorrhage.

At night, after taking a shower, Xu Xiyan told a bedtime story to her daughter. When the child had fallen asleep, she returned to the master bedroom.

Huo Yunshen returned from the balcony after making a call. He came to his wife and told her, "It's settled. You don't have to worry about Han Xinyun anymore."

Xu Xiyan got up and knelt on the bed, spread out her arms and hugged Huo Yunshen. She praised him profusely, "My husband is really amazing! I'm so glad to have you!"

Huo Yunshen's male self-esteem was greatly satisfied. He embraced her and they both fell onto the bed together. "There's one more thing I have to tell you. I've found out that Zhong Qingzi is a relative to the show guest named Shen Mengyuan."

"Oh, I see!"

Xu Xiyan suddenly felt enlightened. No wonder Zhong Qingzi had always been picking at her faults—it turned out that she and Shen Mengyuan were relatives.

Of course she would stand up for Shen Mengyuan!

Huo Yunshen gave Xu Xiyan a bite on her nose, then asked lustily, "If you give me a 'full service,' I can help you to exterminate your obstacles. How about it, dear?"

"No! I don't need your help! I can handle a little miscreant like her."

Xu Xiyan sensed danger from the man, subconsciously wanting to escape from his arms.

But the man would not give her the chance to escape. He grabbed her and said, with fervor in his eyes, "Fine, since you don't want it, then let me serve you."

"H-hey..."

It was too late to say anything. Like a wolf, the man had begun his ferocious attack on her.

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Meanwhile, Shen Mengyuan and Zhong Qingzi left the TV station together, going separate ways.

Chapter 1017: In An Instant

Zhong Qingzi got a date with Fu Qiang, and Shen Mengyuan successfully invited An Nan to a restaurant in a five-star hotel.

"Mr. An, thank you for accepting my invitation," Shen Mengyuan said after meeting An Nan.

An Nan was in his 40's, a little on the chubby side.

An Nan shook Shen Mengyuan's hand and sat down.

"May I know what this meeting is about?" An Nan asked.

It wasn't that An Nan was stupid, but in fact, he already knew what the meeting was about but chose to act innocent.

"Nothing much. It's just that I respect you so much and I really wanted to meet you," Shen Mengyuan said.

Shen Mengyuan kept her smile up when she almost puked just from looking at An Nan's fat and ugly face.

"Thank you," An Nan said. "Being admired by beauty such as yourself is my pleasure."

They began to talk while they ate.

"I've heard that you love your wife very much, am I right?" Shen Mengyuan asked, having learned about An Nan's life beforehand.

"Yes, I do," An Nan said with a serious face, showing that he was a gentleman.

"How admirable! Let me pour you another cup."

"I think I'm already at my limit."

An Nan was getting drunk after drinking a lot of alcohol.

After they finished their food and were about to leave, An Nan got up from his seat and walked like he was about to fall down.

"Mr. An, are you all right?" Shen Mengyuan asked as she helped An Nan to steady himself.

"I'm fine... I'm completely fine..." An Nan mumbled and turned to hug Shen Mengyuan.

"Oh... My beautiful wife..." An Nan said as his hands began to roam around Shen Mengyuan's body.

Shen Mengyuan was no saint. After Li Zhonghao had left her, there was a void that needed to be filled. Her body was heating up from An Nan's touch.

They began to feel each other almost instantly.

One kept mumbling about how much he loved his wife while the other was willing to sacrifice everything.

After An Nan had his way with Shen Mengyuan, she got up from the bed and looked at the man that was sleeping soundly.

Shen Mengyuan never expected that the fat guy was actually really good in bed.

She bent down to get her phone and called Mary.

"Hey, it's time to post Han Xinyun's photos."

Shen Mengyuan smiled after she hung up the call, thinking of the consequences that Han Xinyun would get for disobeying her.

Shen Mengyuan got a call from Mary after 10 minutes had passed.

"Yuanyuan, something's wrong. I can't post anything about Han Xinyun!" Mary said on the other side of the phone.

"What? How?"

Priceless Baby's Super Daddy 1018 She Would Not Believe That He Could Not Be Dealt With

"We don't know either. Right now, as long as any topic published on the internet has to do with Han Xinyun, it will be immediately deleted. If not, it will be blocked."

"What if you publish the pictures without mentioning her name? And subtly hint about a certain actress?" Shen Mengyuan asked again.

"No, that won't work either. We've already tried it. As long as the images are uploaded, it has to go through review, but it would not go through it no matter what."

"Damn it!"

Shen Mengyuan did not expect that it would be so difficult to publish a scandal. Looked like she had to give up her attack on Han Xinyun.

She went back to bed and lay beside Yan Nan. She aimed her phone camera at them and took many intimate photos of them together.

With these photos in hand, she would not believe that he could not be dealt with.

If he refused to cooperate, she could use these photos to threaten him when the time came. She believed that if he wanted to protect his family and image and reputation, he would definitely be aware of his current predicament.

The next day, Shen Mengyuan was going to use the photos to force him to cooperate according to plan. But unfortunately, those photos could not pose any threat to him at all.

Because as long the photos were published, it was not only he who would be ruined; Shen Mengyuan could forget about being clear of sins. Once this kind of scandal occurs, not only would her reputation be ruined, but her bright stardom would be destroyed too.

Shen Mengyuan didn't expect that the brain of the fat man was working very well. "So, are you willing to help me, Master Yan Nan?"

"Of course, I can help you."

As Shen Mengyuan expected, Yan Nan promised to help her—but he had a condition.

"What condition?"

"If you're willing to stay with me in the long term..."

Shen Mengyuan was bent on trapping Yan Nan, but she never imagined that she would end up falling into her own trap.

Seeing that his skills in that "aspect" were still good, Shen Mengyuan had nothing to lose. "Okay, deal!"

So this was how three of the four judges came to stand at Shen Mengyuan's side before the start of a new day of recording for "Legendary Star Chef."

The fifth episode of the show was a challenge match. There was four contestants remaining on the stage. The objective of this episode was to eliminate one of them and leave three contestants for the final round next episode.

Both Xu Xiyan and Han Xinyun stood on the stage. The situation Han Xinyun had been worrying about did not happen and the burden was finally lifted from her chest.

At the beginning of the competition, the four participants selected the name of the dishes they were to cook by lottery to complete the challenge within the allotted time.

Originally, the three judges were ready to eliminate Xu Xiyan, but Ke Hua made a mistake near the end of the challenge, burning her own cooking. So inevitably she had to be eliminated from the competition and leave the show.

Xu Xiyan was spared and she was able to stay for the finals.

At noon break, Xu Xiyan received a gift at the studio. She opened it, and found a very beautiful custom-made dress.

Her gift had roused the envy of others.

Shen Mengyuan, who was in the same resting lounge, saw Jing Xi receiving a gift. She sneered inwardly: What's there to be so happy about? Isn't it just a dress?

"Wow! It's a beautiful dress!"

"Oh my! I know this brand. It is said that the clothes of this brand are made by the hands of the former designer who had worked exclusively for the British Royal family, Ruiz. Every dress he designed is unique and limited worldwide."

"Who gave Jing Xi such a precious dress?"

"Do you still have to ask? Of course it must be Mr. Huo!"

"Mr. Huo is so generous and so loving of Jing Xi!"

When Shen Mengyuan heard that the dress was made by the hands of the designer who had worked exclusively for the British Royal family and it was Huo Yunshen who had sent it, she couldn't help but feel jealousy overflowing in her heart like salty seawater.

And the hatred in her heart was once again intensified.

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Chapter 1019: Completely Fall For Her

If not for Jing Xi, Li Zhonghao would still be with Shen Mengyuan, and she would be the one receiving the present instead of Jing Xi.

Everyone, even Xu Xiyan, still thought that the dress was from Huo Yunshen, but when she saw the card on the present box, she realized that it was actually from Mo Yutian.

Mo Yutian knew about her birthday and got her the dress.

Even though the dress was pretty, she did not like it.

She put the dress back into the box and put a note in it before having one of her guards send the present back to Tianyu's president.

Mo Yutian was not surprised when he got the present back because he'd already anticipated it.

That was what made Xu Xiyan different from other women.

Most women in the world would be flattered, even if only a little, when being gifted with a lot of expensive and pretty presents.

But Jing Xi was not flattered at all.

She was loyal to the man she loved and would never fall for riches or fame.

That was one of Xu Xiyan's qualities that would make every man fall for her.

It just made Mo Yutian like her more. He liked how Xu Xiyan was loyal to Huo Yunshen and was even envious of Huo Yunshen, hoping that he could replace Huo Yunshen one day.

Mo Yutian took the note out and read what was written on it.

[Thank you for the gift, but please refrain from sending me anything in the future. It'll only be a waste.]

Mo Yutian ignored the content and was instead really glad that Xu Xiyan would write him a note.

He sniffed the note as if there were still traces of Xu Xiyan's perfume on it.

There was a knock on the door, and one of Mo Yutian's subordinates came in with a heat insulated box.

"Sir," the subordinate said. "This is the dish Miss Jing created today."

"Put it down."

The subordinate placed the dish in front of Mo Yutian and left him alone to enjoy it.

Mo Yutian was really glad that he sponsored the show so that he could have a chance to taste Jing Xi's dishes.

If one were to say that Mo Yutian's heart had fallen for Xu Xiyan, then they could say that even his tastebuds had fallen for her now.

Mo Yutian couldn't help but imagine what it would be like when he could taste Jing Xi's foods every day.

And that made him sure of one thing: he wanted Jing Xi more and more.

It was about time for the next round, and Mo Yutian turned on the projector.

Even though he could not get close to Jing Xi, he still wanted to look at her every second.

On the screen, Xu Xiyan was completely immersed in making her own dish.

There was no way she could've known that her foods were all sent to Mo Yutian after the show had ended.

The second runner-up was decided after the sixth round, and it was Han Xinyun. The only two competitors left were Xu Xiyan and Shen Mengyuan.

Xu Xiyan's dish was slightly better than Shen Mengyuan's in the final bout, but her score was clearly lower.

William was the only one who gave her a full score, while the other three gave her average scores.

Chapter 1020: A Special Birthday Present

The host announced the results excitedly, congratulating Shen Mengyuan for winning the championship of the season and Jing Xi for winning first runner-up.

Shen Mengyuan smiled like a flower as she received her award on stage, feeling very smug. As long as she thought that she had defeated Jing Xi and had her under her feet, she would feel that she had taken out her anger on Jing Xi and feel very happy.

Shen Mengyuan thought that defeating Jing Xi would cause an effect on her. But in truth, things like rankings and prizes had no effect on Jing Xi.

Regardless of whether she was able to win top three in place or whatever her overall rank was, it was enough to her as long she had put in a good effort.

It was also good enough to be able to win the first runner-up place. She didn't have that kind of stubborn resolution to win no matter what.

While the host was interviewing the top three winners, he asked everyone a question, "Do you know what day today is?"

Everyone knew that today was December 24th and it was Christmas Eve.

The host announced with joy, "Everyone only guessed half of it. Today is not only Christmas Eve, but also the birthday of our first runner-up winner, Miss Jing Xi. So, in today's variety show recording, the program group has specially prepared a birthday surprise for her."

The audience was very surprised. Xu Xiyan was very pleasantly surprised too. She didn't know what surprise the program group had prepared for her.

Suddenly, the whole studio fell into darkness.

After a few seconds, tiny lights flickered in the distance, appearing to come closer and closer.

As the lights kept approaching until they came on stage, the audience realized that someone was wheeling a large cake.

A few lights at the studio lit up. Under the light, Xu Xiyan could see clearly who had come—it was her husband, Huo Yunshen.

When everyone at the studio saw Huo Yunshen appear, they all whooped and screamed.

Xu Xiyan was also very surprised. She did not expect him to come to celebrate her birthday on the show.

The swaying candlelight outlined the man's soulful eyes and well-chiseled face. He was perfectly impeccable.

Xu Xiyan's heart thumped as she gazed at him silently, watching him approach her step by step.

At this moment, he was just like an indomitable hero making his entrance; his every step was imprinted on her heart.

Huo Yunshen wheeled the cake over. The first thing he did was to hug his wife, then kiss her on her lips.

“Happy birthday, dear. Come, make a wish!”

Huo Yunshen told her to make a wish. Xu Xiyao clasped her hands together and made a birthday wish.

In the candlelight, Huo Yunshen gazed at his wife's warm and pure, delicate face. He felt like treasuring her forever.

After making her wish, she blew out the candles, then all the lights in the studio lit up.

The host and the show guests came over to her to give their birthday blessings.

Cheekily, the host interviewed Huo Yunshen on the spot. “I heard that Mr. Huo's cooking is very good. Is this true? Can you demonstrate your skills to everyone here right now?”

Huo Yunshen exchanged looks with his wife, then answered, “Sure, but I'll only cook for Jing Xi.”

“Owww...”

The host immediately put on a hurt look in protest. Huo Yunshen's favoritism was really getting out of hand.

If he only wanted to cook for Jing Xi, did this mean that everyone else could only watch?

After that, the couple took to the stage together, getting ready to work together to make a dish.

Huo Yunshen washed his hands and prepared to make soup. This was the first time he was showing off his cooking skills in front of an audience. Everyone was full of excitement as they looked forward to seeing the prince charming cook.

Huo Yunshen went to stand at the Kitchen of the Stars. Immediately, the difference between a prince charming and a male cook was revealed.

Prince charming is prince charming. No matter what he did, he was still completely like one. Cooking did not even affect the prince charming's handsomeness and domineering air.

It had to be said that having cooking skills was really a plus for a man.