

Chapter 61: How Dare You Go On A Hunger Strike!?

Just as the lady got up from the dining table and prepared to leave, the man flew into a rage.

“Ye Erruo, how dare you go on a hunger strike!?”

Her mouth twitched slightly. *Hunger strike? Didn't he see me eating just now? Was I consuming air earlier?*

“You haven't been eating well today. Go back and sit down.”

She could not escape his voice regardless of which corner she tried to hide inside Zhuang Ge Residence. In the end, she went to the bathroom, changed clothes, and ran out.

Mo Jiangye, who was at the other side of the world, was so upset that he broke countless pens when he discovered what she was doing.

“Young Madam, where are you going?” Bo Yu appeared in front of the woman in an instant.

“Get lost!”

Without mincing his words, he told her straight up, “Young Master has left word to forbid you to step outside the house.”

She left out a snort. While standing beside the hunchman, she fixed her gaze on the chap without a word. The man, unfazed, returned the stare with his back ramrod straight.

“Erruo, speak to me and I'll let you out. Say anything.” While looking at the woman on the screen, he tried to call a truce.

Now, all he asked was that she speak to him. Anything, even if it was just a word. He missed her voice so much!

His man was struck dumb on the spot.

Young Master... What has this woman done to you again?

Somewhere inside, her chest was hurting again. This man had gone back on his word once more. He had clearly told her earlier that she would be free to go after drinking that bowl of novel broth. Now, he had come up with yet another demand. What a man!

While looking at her increasingly sullen face, the man finally heaved a sigh of resignation and said, “Come back early.”

Bo Yu stood there, staring in disbelief with wide eyes.

“Bo Yu will not be following you. You can go anywhere you like, even to the bar. Don't feast unnecessarily out there, though. You have to be back by ten.”

Her eyes lit up. *Great!*

The moment she ran off, Mo Jiangye made a decision.

“Make some ginger tea with red dates and a hot water bottle for her. Also, prepare some oriental motherwort concoction and painkillers. When she’s back, make sure she gets a hot bath immediately so she won’t catch a cold.” She was still experiencing excruciating pain at night so she would need medication if she could not bear the pain!

His words astounded his man, who had never seen him talk so much in a day.

“Stalk her quietly. Don’t let her find out. She should be back in an hour,” he added.

“Understood.”

Narrowing his eyes, he issued one last order. “And don’t ever appear before her again.”

Bo Yu could not help feeling a stab in his chest. “Understood.”

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The KG mega-theater was crowded as usual toward the end of the month.

As the stylist was applying make-up on Gu Feirou, she was swiping her cell phone screen with a look of displeasure. Ye Erruo’s fans had been twice as many as hers even before her debut.

Not only did the online news not deflect her friend’s popularity, but her fan base had increased instead. Was someone helping her secretly? *Don’t tell me it’s Mo Jiangye?*

Her beau, Jingxuan, was often nowhere in sight nowadays. He seemed to be looking for someone and took no interest in her affairs whatsoever. He no longer displayed any adoration for her, as if she was a thing of the past. Somehow, she had a feeling that he was hiding something from her.

“Are you done?”

Gu Feirou heard the question and snapped her phone shut. “Director Lee.”

The man was stunned by her gorgeous looks. “Good. I’m good.”

“The show will start at 8, so there’s still 20 minutes to go. Have a look at the lyrics again.”

“Alright, noted! Oh, Director Lee, I was told that the company tried to get a starlet on board?”

“The company is trying to get a young girl in to form a duo with you, but that youngling was audacious enough to decline.”

The star heaved a silent sigh of relief. “She might have set her sights too high.”

Director Lee remarked arrogantly, “That shameless adulterer should be grateful that a company like ours wants to sign her on.”

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Chapter 62: Sheng Yun, The Concert, Little Ah Di

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“Little Ah Di! Little Ah Di!”

“Brother Di! Brother Di! Brother Di!”

“Ah-”

At 8pm, roaring screams were reverberating around the stadium.

“Shush-”

The lights dimmed and the crowd below the stage waited with bated breath. An instant later, Little Ah Di appeared before them, taking their breath away. Ahhh!

‘Now that it’s all said and done—’

A familiar voice was crooning above their heads. Everyone watched in anticipation as a figure approached them beneath the limelight.

Today, she was wearing a flaming red gown that made her look devilishly beautiful. She was an alluringly sight to behold.

“Ahhh!”

“WTF! OMG! WTF! Goddess! My goddess!”

“I saw Little Ah Di! It’s Little Ah Di!”

‘What you said when you left’

‘Just left me cold and out of breath’

‘I fell too far and was in way too deep...’

A cover version of a popular English song could be heard as she sang along, her mastery earning the audience’s cheers at once.

“Hello, everyone! I’m Little Ah Di.” Gu Feirou addressed the crowd with a wide smile. As she flashed a glamorous grin, all lights and everyone’s attention were on her.

“Wow! Brother Di!”

The woman continued speaking after a momentary pause. “Thank you for your support and for attending Little Ah Di’s concert today.”

“Brother Di, you’re the best! We love you! We love you-”

“Brother Di, you’re so beautiful!”

“We’ll support you always, Brother Di!”

Her fans cheered her on enthusiastically with every sentence she said.

“I have persevered for eight years in order to be where I am right now. I really want to thank all of you here for your support during all this time. I look forward to your continuous support henceforth.”

Upon saying that, she bowed deeply before the audience.

“Brother Di! We’ll always support you!”

“Ahhhh! Brother Di, we’re your die-hard supporters!”

“Little Ah Di will continue to bring you many more good songs.”

Standing on the stage, the woman continued to wow the crowd with her inciting words.

Her fans below the stage went absolutely crazy. They almost wanted to jump onto the stage to be with her.

Ye Erruo sat on the last row with her back leaning lazily against the seat rest. She was wearing a loose baseball jersey and a baseball cap over her head. The cap covered half of her face, so with the crowd around her, it was hard to recognize Little Ah Mei.

“I’m so delighted to meet all of you today that I shall share a piece of happy news with you.”

“What is it?!”

“What’s the news?”

“I will be engaged to Lin Teng’s eldest son next month. I want to have everyone’s blessing.”

“OMG! Lin Teng?!”

“Gosh! Goddess is finally engaged!”

“Lin Teng’s eldest son! WTF! Brother Di is absolutely superb!”

Ye Erruo was left speechless.

She seemed so eager to announce her engagement! Tsk, how loving! She couldn’t wait to show the world how in love they are.

“Little Ah Di wants happiness.”

“Ahh! We don’t want to be force-fed with mushiness!”

“When it’s time for you to get married, you’ll be dressed in MTR from head to toe! Wow! I’m so envious!”

Cocking a brow, Ye Erruo took out her cell phone and gave Ji Sichen a quiet greeting...

The concert lasted more than four hours, and Gu Feirou’s impeccable voice, utter beauty, and the news of her engagement flooded the Internet overnight.

The singer received Director Lee's news the moment she stepped off the stage.

"Xiao Rou! Xiao Rou, good news! Excellent news, in fact. Sheng Yun is eager to work with you."

Sheng Yun was an internationally well-known talent agency with many megastars under its wing. It had made many artists famous.

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Chapter 63: Leaked News of Cosmetic Surgery, Delayed Engagement

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"What a good life!" Director Lee stared intently at the money tree in front of him. It was a good thing they had gotten her on board long ago.

Of course, Director Lee knew very well why Lin Teng wanted to work with Gu Feirou: It was because of Lin Teng. Who in the world would not want to work with this conglomerate? Anyone would be grateful for a chance to work with this corporation, even with such a small deal.

"Alright, you must be tired. Go and rest early."

However, the lady was too excited to feel sleepy. After taking care of her business, she returned home at about 2 am in the morning.

At about 3 am, heavyweight news exploded on the Internet and media outlets of every kind tried to announce the news at the same time.

"Little Ah Di" looked like this before her cosmetic makeover!

Did "Little Ah Di" go under the knife in the past?

"Little Ah Di" had cosmetic surgery three times!

When the singer stepped out of the shower and saw the headlines, she got a rude shock. Quickly, she scrolled through the bulletin to check out the news.

How had the news about her cosmetic surgery been exposed?!

Who did this?

Ye Erruo?

No, that couldn't be. Her former best friend did not know that she had gone under the knife in the first place. Other than the hospital staff who had been present when she had gone through the surgery, no one else knew about this. Unfortunately, not only were her past photos now public, but there were so many of them.

At the time, the hospital had signed a non-disclosure agreement that forbade the staff to disclose any information pertaining to their clients. Who had dug up her past then?

She lost her cool momentarily. She had just wrapped up her concert with Sheng Yun, who was knocking on her door now. This sudden piece of news would impact her very negatively indeed.

The lady worked overnight without sleeping to try to control the damage. She immediately called up Moon Glory Company to strike off the news, but the formidable power of the Internet was evident from the way the gossip had spread far and wide by then, even at 3 am in the morning.

Her image was thus destroyed. How could she simply accept this without a fight, though? She had just crawled out of the dump. There was no way she would allow this to happen to her.

She made a call to Lin Jingxuan hastily to ask him to deal with this matter for her. Instead, she received a roaring reproach from him the moment the call got through.

“Haven’t I forbidden you to talk about our wedding? You were not supposed to announce our engagement. Why did you do it?!”

The lady was so upset that tears rolled down her face. “I didn’t mean to do that, but my company wanted me to. What could I do? It’s true that we are getting engaged anyway, so why can’t I announce it?”

He told her with a frown, “I won’t admit to it.”

Gu Feirou’s face turned white. “That can’t be true. Jingxuan, what do you mean by this?”

He gave her a frigid reply. “I won’t admit our relationship. And our wedding will be delayed.”

Her face lost all color in an instant. “Jingxuan, I’m sorry, I-I was wrong. We can still go ahead with the wedding. Why do we have to delay it?”

“There’s no reason why!” His tone allowed no objections.

Clenching her fists, she forcefully suppressed the anger welling up within her and said, “Alright, I’ll listen to you. As for the gossip running rampant on the Internet right now, can you help me snub it out? It will have a bad impact on my reputation.”

The man asked her a question instead. “You actually had cosmetic surgery?”

The woman was so mad that she was trembling with fury by then. “Nope! I did not! This news is meant to smear my reputation! It’s slander!”

“But the pictures look like you.”

“Jingxuan, don’t you believe me? You wouldn’t have been like this in the past.”

In the end, he could only comment in resignation, “Alright, I’ll take care of this for you. You are not allowed to mention our relationship to anyone without my permission in the future.”

“Jingxuan...” The lady was tongue-tied at his insistence on this matter.

Chapter 64: Does He Have Another Woman Out There?

“That’s it.”

With these words, the man hung up the call abruptly.

Gu Feirou turned cold at his curtness. As her head was spinning, she collapsed on the bed on her butt.

How long has this been?

Just how long?

His attitude toward her was totally different from the past. How had it turned out that way? Why had it turned out this way?

Did he have another woman out there?

Her pupils contracted sharply. *This must be it!*

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The netizens trolled the Internet with their comments. “OMG! It’s too much! Can you believe that Little Ah Di had cosmetic surgery?!”

‘Beauty Brows’: ‘How ugly! She can’t compare to half of my beauty.’

‘Stairs to the Rooftop’: ‘So what if she has had reconstruction in the past? Brother Di is rich! Plus, tell me, which actress has not had cosmetic surgery?’

‘Call me Daddy’ replied to ‘Stairs to the Rooftop’: ‘Tsk, you’ll be hankered down for saying that. Just because she was ugly and needed surgery, it does not mean that others would need one too.’

‘Little Fairy’ replied to ‘Stairs to the Rooftop’: ‘You have such toxic lips! Our Ah Mei did not need surgery. Many actresses don’t need one, in fact. What kind of nonsense are you spouting?’

‘Stairs to the Rooftop’ replied to ‘Little Fairy’: ‘Fan of Little Ah Mei, you are the blind one here. Your whole family is blind, in fact. So what if your Ah Mei didn’t need surgery? An adulteress doesn’t need one in the first place. All she needs to do is open her legs and money will roll in. What an honorable responsibility.’

Early in the morning, the two camps were tearing each other out while everyone else watched them bickering in amusement. The two stars were involved in all kinds of gossip.

The two companies, Star Glory and Moon Glory, were trying to protect their own artists while trolling one another with various tabloid headlines.

In the end, Moon Glory Company issued an announcement: If anyone were to frame Little Ah Di again, the legal team of Lin Teng would not hesitate to send a warning letter on their behalf.

This managed to ease the online furor somewhat.

So what if Little Ah Di had undergone reconstructive surgery? Her fiance was the next-in-line to Lin Teng. To offend her would be akin to offending the conglomerate, right?

Still, no one expected to hear another piece of heavyweight news shortly after this affair died down.

Lin Teng, the formidable corporation that never paid attention to entertainment news, stepped out publicly to renounce the relationship between Little Ah Di and the company's president. It also forbade any discussion about the singer and the company. Following this, all media outlets automatically deleted their posts, video clips, and images.

Although nobody understood why Lin Teng Corporation had denied its relationship with Little Ah Di yet was willing to help her stop the rumors at the same time, their authority was sufficient to extinguish the trolls on the Internet within a few hours.

The speed at which the trollers deleted their posts was unusually swift after the corporation made the announcement.

By the time Ye Erruo finished her breakfast, everything was calm and composed on the Internet once again. She was not surprised. Lin Jingxuan's help was not just expected, it was necessary. However, she had not expected him to deny their relationship. Weren't they supposed to get married soon? Besides, if the man was so in love with that woman, why did he want to deny their union?

In any case, Gu Feirou would have her hands full for some time.

Her phone rang suddenly. 'I only want you for the rest of my life; my future...'

"Hello, Director Mu?"

"Ruoruo, although Lin Teng has stepped in to help Little Ah Di, we're still affected for the time being. Stop your live-stream for some time. The company has a new assignment for you. You'll go for group training in K city in three days. This is a good chance for you to experience life, too."

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Chapter 65: Increasing Popularity

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She was attending training as a singer?

Why was the company asking her to participate in a training session now?

"This is a decision made by the company. There will be many celebrities signed by Sheng Yun there as well. The company put in a lot of effort to clinch this opportunity. When the time comes, your popularity will definitely increase tremendously if you participate with them. You will subsequently rise to the top," Director Mu explained.

The company had received a notice that assigned Ye Erruo to attend the training...

Ye Erruo was speechless.

She could rely on her own capability to rise to the top slowly. She didn't need... Forget it, the company meant well anyway. Attending this event with other celebrities would definitely increase her popularity. It would be good to train her body as well...

"Alright, I understand. I will go and prepare."

Director Mu added, "Tell your fans that you will be stopping your live-streams temporarily."

"I will."

"Especially the host of the platform. You have to inform him clearly about this."

"Don't worry, Director Mu."

The host couldn't care less about her. Normally, he rarely appeared, as he would only pop by and leave not long afterward. Apart from the day she had moved into the room, when he'd made things difficult for her, they had not interacted. Actually, he didn't exactly make things difficult. He was just a little too strict and would hit the nail on the head for any problems mentioned. He was a professional, respectable teacher.

"Alright, go ahead and prepare."

After hanging up the call, Ye Erruo went upstairs and changed clothes. Should she inform Mo Jiangye that she was heading to K city?

Recently, he had not taken the initiative to video call her, nor had he given her a phone call. He would not even send a text. When she had tried to look for him, she had not gotten through. She thought that something had happened to him. In the end, Bo Yu had said that he had some important matters to handle and it was normal that he wasn't picking up her calls.

Although she really wanted to believe that he was busy, she still felt uncomfortable deep down.

Forget it, she would just inform Bo Yu since she couldn't even get a hold of him!

Before she left, Gu Feirou was in a sorry state. After she had been denied by Lin Teng Corporation, her position in Moon Glory Company was in imminent danger. She was caught in a deadlock, and Lin Jingxuan had no intention of secretly helping her get out of trouble.

Ye Erruo was comforted.

Three days later, there were about two hundred people on the plane.

In twelve hours, the plane landed in K city's airport, which was located on A'er Ker Mountain.

There were mountains as far as the eye could see in this area.

Ye Erruo felt hot the moment she got off the plane. The ultraviolet rays shining on them made the newcomers feel uncomfortable.

"It's so hot..."

“Luckily, I brought my hat.”

“Sunscreen... Where’s my sunscreen? I still have a shoot next month.”

They were all pulling their luggage across the huge airport with displeased complaints.

Suddenly, five people walked over with solemn, cold, resolute expressions. Their skin was dark and tanned, and their bright, lively eyes flickered with a strict glow.

“Get into separate rows of men and women in one minute.” The resonant, cold command caused them to subconsciously follow the order.

Very soon, the men were all lined up. On the other hand, the women had too much luggage, so their slow and scattered movements made them unable to line up within one minute.

The two long rows were led by the five men to the final destination.

“Why are we not there yet?”

“How long do we have to go? Ah... I am dying from the heat.”

“I can’t, I can’t. I need to take a break. My legs hurt.”

The bumpy soil forced them to make a lot more effort to walk. Weeds were growing all around, and every tree reached high up into the sky. The dense leaves were blocking the sun rays, so a lot of bugs were flying around in the gloomy forest.

“I am itching to death.”

“What is this thing? Ah...”

Chapter 66: Deceived Into Traveling

“What is this thing? Ah...”

“What are you screaming for? Everyone, quicken your pace. We have to reach the destination before the sun sets.” One of the teachers berated them sternly.

“Teacher, how long do we have?”

“30 kilometers.”

“Ah? 30 kilometers?”

“Why do we still have such a long way to go? I can’t. I don’t want to walk anymore. My legs are about to break. I need to rest.”

The teacher sneered and said loudly, “If we do not reach our destination before the sun sets, you will end up being eaten by wild monkeys. Everyone, pick up your pace. Those who want to rest, retreat to one side voluntarily and have a good rest!”

“Wild... Wild monkeys?”

The group looked around fearfully. Wild monkeys seemed highly likely to live in a place like this.

“What kind of place is this? Didn’t the manager say that we were here to learn basic combat skills for acting purposes?”

“Didn’t the company say we would be here to observe and emulate the hard lives of people?”

“Didn’t they say that this was a scenic tour?”

“I’m complaining. I am going to complain when I head back.”

The entire group began to wail. There were all sorts of complaints, as if everyone had been deceived into coming over.

Ye Erruo was speechless.

It seemed like the news she had gotten was reliable. Yes, she was here for training, which was why she had only brought a bag, a few simple washable clothes, and two pairs of comfortable shoes. Thankfully, she had not brought any luggage.

Every person in front of her and behind her was carrying luggage, and some were even in high heels and skirts, as if they were on a tour...

“I am giving you all three minutes to take all your clothes. Everything else will be left behind,” the instructor said strictly.

“What? I can’t! What about my makeup collection?”

“Phone charger! Where did my phone charger go?”

“Two and a half minutes.”

The entire team bent down and anxiously opened their luggage and rummaged through their clothes.

“30 more kilometers? My legs will be crippled. Did anyone bring sneakers? Can you lend them to me?” a girl asked loudly.

Ye Erruo quietly offered her sneakers. “What size do you wear?”

“37.”

“I wear 36. They will be a little tight if you wear them.” Ye Erruo sighed helplessly.

“I am a size 36. I wear a size 36!” a lady from the back yelled out emotionally.

“Then you can wear them first.”

“Thank you.” The girl took the shoes from her and speedily changed into them.

“I didn’t bring any flat shoes. My legs will definitely be crippled.”

“You can wear them like slippers. Remove the back heels and it will be more convenient to rush through the route than being in your high heels,” Ye Erruo responded.

“Thank you very much.” The girl stopped crying and smiled.

The team was messy and chaotic, but everyone made it on time. They all managed to take the things they believed they would need.

Without their luggage, it was more convenient to hasten through the journey. Besides, the wild monkeys had scared the entire team into quickening its speed.

“What’s your name?” the girl wearing Ye Erruo’s shoes asked.

“Ye Erruo.”

“Eh? You, you are Little Ah Mei!” she said excitedly like a little girl.

Ye Erruo bit her lips and replied, “Yes.”

“Hey, I know you. You are in the room next to mine. I am Yao Tiao.”

Ye Erruo raised her eyebrows. A kindred spirit?

“I am Shu Xin. Thank you for the shoes.”

“F*ck. The senior staff undoubtedly told me that the company paid for a trip. In the end, they threw me into a pit!” Yao Tiao was furious.

“My manager told me that as well,” Shu Xin said through gritted teeth.

“We still have 30 kilometers to go. Let’s not talk so much and preserve our energy,” Ye Erruo reminded them.

When the entire team left, two vehicles began to clear up their luggage behind them piece by piece...

Chapter 67: It Feels Like There Are A Hundred Bugs On My Face

Just before sunset, everyone finally walked out of the forest. The training ground ahead of them was beckoning them over.

“We’re here, we’re here. We finally arrived.”

“I am so tired.”

“I can’t believe I actually walked such a long distance.”

The team was sweating all over as they looked at the campsite excitedly.

“I really don’t know what kind of place my company has dumped me in.”

“When I go back, I will definitely settle the score with my manager.”

“This is probably the most I’ve walked in my entire life.”

“There will never be a second time. This was even more tiring than when I climbed a mountain last time.” They all wouldn’t stop complaining.

With just a glance from the five teachers, they walked quietly to the campsite.

You still have the energy to complain? It seems like you aren't tired enough.

At that moment, some people came to “welcome” them. “From this day onward, it doesn't matter if you are a young mistress, a young master, a singer, or a celebrity. While you are here, you will be going through torturous training, so keep all your bad habits away. Here, no one will indulge you!” The coach walked back and forth as he spoke in an unquestionable tone that was both sharp and grim.

Everyone was tired and their legs were weak. They did not have a single shred of energy left.

“In here, you can only accept whatever we ask you to do. You do not have the right to say no to anything. Do you hear me?”

“Yes.”

“Louder. Do you hear me?”

“Yes!”

“Instructor Lee, take them down and assign them their living areas and clothes.”

“Understood.”

After a short moment, authorized people assigned the men and women to their living quarters, putting six people in each dormitory.

“Everyone has an hour to wash up. Gather up for dinner in an hour.”

There were eight dormitories for the women and a total of ten for the men.

“MGD! My clothes are all ruined! How am I supposed to wear them?”

“We are all here to suffer! Ahhhh!” A few of the young mistresses who had been pampered and spoiled since childhood couldn't help but bawl.

“I am so dirty. My hair! I need a shower.”

Almost every dormitory was full of wails.

Ye Erruo took a deep breath and seized the toiletries that had been placed under each of their beds before she followed everyone else to shower.

“What kind of shampoo is this? It smells so bad.”

“Why is there no hair conditioner? There isn't any cleansing lotion either.”

The ladies rummaged through the products in the basin. There was a small bottle of shampoo, a tube of toothpaste, a toothbrush, a shower cap, a towel, and a bag of detergent. Apart from those things, there was nothing else.

“How do we shower without cleansing lotion? It feels like there are a hundred bugs on my face. They are climbing and climbing from my face to my body. Eh...”

Had she been sent here by the monkeys?

“This is filthy.”

Ye Erruo blushed with shame. “It is a training ground. Let’s just put up with it.”

After touching the dirt and sweat on her face, Ye Erruo shook her body before speedily heading in to shower. Coincidentally, she, Yao Tiao, and Shu Xin had been assigned to the same dormitory.

Thirty minutes later, Ye Erruo walked out with a towel drying her hair while the rest were still showering.

“Ruoruo, do you have some shampoo? Can you lend me a little?” Yao Tiao asked.

Ye Erruo was stunned into silence.

Chapter 68: Not Given Any Food To Eat

Thirty minutes later, Ye Erruo walked out with a towel drying her hair while the rest were still showering.

“Ruoruo, do you have some shampoo left? Can you lend me a little?” Yao Tiao asked.

Ye Erruo was stunned into silence.

They had been given a bottle of shampoo. She had used it all? It seemed like it was supposed to last them a month.

“You’ve finished yours?”

“Yeah, I used it all before the eighth round of washing my hair. This is so pathetic. The shampoo is not even good, yet they gave us such a small amount?”

Ye Erruo’s face darkened when she heard that. She had washed her head eight times and the shampoo was all gone? How much did she use for one wash?

Helpless, Ye Erruo could only bring her shampoo.

“Eh? Ruoruo, are you done bathing so quickly?”

“It seems like this shampoo is supposed to last us for a month. You should save on it and take it easy.”

“One month?!” Yao Tiao yelled.

An hour later, Ye Erruo was waiting outside in her training suit. She was wearing a grey shirt underneath. It was one size, so it didn’t look too big or too small on her. She had a hat on as well.

“Are you guys done bathing?”

“I am just done washing my hair. It was filthy. There was dirt everywhere and I couldn’t get it clean no matter how much I washed it.”

“Yeah, yeah. I don’t know how many times I washed it using water.”

“The water pressure is so low, it’s like squeezing toothpaste. It’s so low.”

“This smells so bad. I can’t... I have to wash it clean today.”

The corners of Ye Erruo’s lips twitched. “We have to eat soon. You guys have to come out quick.”

“Hu! I am finally done.” Shu Xin walked out of the shower with the basin.

Not far away, the assembly whistle was blown. Yao Tiao and three other girls were still bathing.

“It’s time to eat!” Shu Xin reminded them.

“You and Ruoruo should head over. We will be ready in a bit.”

“Let’s head off first, Ruoruo.”

For lack of a better option, Ye Erruo could only head out first with Shu Xin.

There were over a hundred of them, yet almost half of them were not there.

“Where are the rest?” Chen Zhanxiao asked with a dark expression.

“The dormitories that are not completely present, please step forward voluntarily.”

At this command, all the girls stepped forward simultaneously.

The men were silent.

“Where are the rest?”

“They are bathing.”

“They are washing their clothes.”

“They are polishing their shoes...”

Chen Zhanxiao sneered. “Very good.”

“Li Yi, note down all the people who are not here. They are not allowed to eat tomorrow for the whole day.”

“Yes!”

“Everyone else, eat.”

Chen Zhanxiao and Li Yi led the remaining people into the canteen. At that moment, many people were seated in the huge canteen. This group of people had been brought in one month before Ye Erruo’s group.

The dinner was simple. Steamed buns, porridge, potatoes, and green peppers.

“We will now take attendance.”

“Xu Fenfen.”

“Here.”

“Wang Zhiqiang.”

“Here.”

“...”

“I will allocate everyone to your dormitory head and coach.”

At that moment, ten well-built, healthy coaches walked in.

“You will form groups of ten people, and there will be eleven groups in total. There will be one group of eight people. Thereafter, they will be in charge of leading you.”

Everyone at the table listened carefully to Chen Zhanxiao, who was instructing them and relaying all the information.

“I am Chen Zhanxiao and I am your head coach. You can look for me if there are any issues, or you can look for your own team coach.”

Next, the ten coaches introduced themselves concisely one by one. After the heads of the dormitories were assigned, everyone began to eat dinner quietly.

The person in charge of Ye Erruo’s team was coincidentally Li Yi. His stern face caused them to involuntarily feel timid.

“Ruoruo, let’s secretly sneak some steamed buns back for Yao Tiao and the rest,” Shu Xin suggested quietly.

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Ye Erruo lowered her gaze on Shu Xin and nodded in agreement. “Alright.”

“How are we supposed to eat this? It doesn’t seem to contain many nutrients.”

“Are we still talking about nutrition here? We have to be grateful that we have food to eat now,” Sun You reminded her leisurely.

“This bun is rather good. It’s soft and chewy.” The protagonist seemed to be enjoying her dinner.

All of a sudden, the row of people sitting at the dining table turned toward Ye Erruo with a look of surprise on their faces.

She asked quizzically, “What is it?”

“What brand of makeup do you use? Is it waterproof?” one of the girls asked with obvious envy.

“...”

“What makeup are you talking about? Ruoruo is not wearing any makeup,” Shu Xin chipped in.

Her proclamation earned a few startled cries around the table. All eyes had fallen on Ye Erruo by now in shock.

“Little missy, what’s your name? What do you do?” Sun You took this opportunity to chat her up.

“Are you eating or chatting now?” Coach Lee walked over without a warning.

Everyone immediately looked down and started eating in silence.

“Go back and get some rest after eating. Understood?”

“Understood.”

At about nine at night, Ye Erruo and Shu Xin sneaked a few buns secretly into the dormitory.

“Wow... I’m starving.” Yao Tiao picked up a bun and sunk her teeth hungrily into it.

“Sshh... Speak softer...” Shu Xin reminded her.

“There’s nothing nice here to eat. We only have buns for the night. You just take these for the time being. Go and drink some hot water later.”

“I’m very thankful indeed.”

Yao Tiao and three other girls munched forlornly on the buns as they drank hot water.

“Ruoruo and I will steal a few more buns for you girls tomorrow.”

Ye Erruo glanced at Shu Xin, grinned softly, and agreed. “No problem.”

“Where did you get the buns?”

A girl walked into the dormitory out of the blue.

“Wu Mengran? What are you doing in our dormitory?”

“Hey, everyone, come over here! Quick! Come and take a look!” The intruder let out a holler when she saw them.

Heads popped out from both sides of the dormitory. “What happened?”

“The four of them did not go to dinner, yet they are munching on buns. Where could the buns have come from?”

A crowd started to gather while Wu Mengran spoke, as people emerged from their dormitory rooms.

“Hey... Where did these buns come from?”

“Shut up, Wu Mengran! Those of us inside this room need to sleep now. Please get out.”

“It isn’t fair. We didn’t go to dinner either, so why didn’t we get our buns?”

Frowning, the protagonist replied, “We brought some back for the rest of the girls, as we couldn’t finish the buns earlier. What’s wrong with that? Do you have something to say about this? If you’re unhappy that your dormitory friends didn’t pass you some, you can go and reason with them. Get out now. We still need to sleep.”

“You... This is against the rules! I’m gonna tell the coach!” Wu Mengran objected vehemently.

“Coach Sun! Coach Sun!” The girl then ran and called for their coach.

What!

Ye Erruo rushed over and reached out with her hand to cover the other girl's mouth so she could not make a sound.

"You! Wuwuu..."

"Mengran!" Upon seeing their friend being bullied, Wu Mengran's friends quickly stepped in to help.

Yao Tiao stuffed the last bun down her throat, grabbed the pair of stinking socks that she had just removed, and beckoned to the rest of the gang to stop the girls from helping the snitch.

"What do you think you are doing?"

Someone who wanted to help Wu Mengran faltered back when she saw what they were doing.

"All of you better behave yourselves and keep your mouths shut. It's uncivilized to make a scene at night. Do you understand?" Yao Tiao rubbed their faces with her dirty socks. *Well, do they think we are ideal people to bully? This bunch of girls is out to cause trouble!*

Pong! The door was suddenly kicked open.

Coach Sun walked in with a torchlight, looking frigid. "What are you doing here?"

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"Wuwuu..." Wu Mengran looked pitifully at her coach.

"Let her go."

Ye Erruo let go of her hand reluctantly.

"Coach, these girls defied your rule. They stole some buns and brought them back here." The snitcher could not wait to complain.

His eyes swept coldly across the group. "Who stole the buns?"

Yao Tiao commented with a guilty conscience, "None of us stole any buns."

"Liar! The four of you did not go to dinner earlier, yet you were caught munching on these buns a while ago," Wu Mengran commented angrily.

Coach Sun ordered icily, "Ye Erruo, Shu Xin, come over here."

"..."

"Did you bring the buns?"

"There are no buns." Yao Tiao chipped in loudly before any of them could answer.

Coach Sun walked over and surveyed the dormitory. His sharp gaze ensured no corners were missed.

“You... You ate all the buns! The rest of them can testify to that.” Wu Mengran pointed to her roommates.

“Tsk... They will surely help you since you are their roommate.”

While her face turned red, the other girl scoffed, “The girls from the other dormitory can testify too. You have eaten the buns, and these two girls brought the buns for the four of you.”

“The girls from the other dormitory are likely your friends too. You have all ganged up against us.”

“You... You!”

Yao Tiao snorted, “What about me? If you claim that we have eaten the buns, then you have to show proof. Where’s the evidence?”

Coach Sun took a glass of water over to them and asked, “Whose is this?”

“Mine,” Yao Tiao replied.

“What’s inside here?”

Under the light, they could see pieces of bread crumbs floating in the glass.

“...”

“Everyone from Dormitory 101 will gather outside. We’ll go for a five-kilometer jog.”

Wu Mengran let out a cry of victory and glared at Yao Tiao gloatingly.

Ye Erruo and the rest had already had a tough day. Now, they had to drag their swollen feet across the training field in the dark for five more kilometers.

“That Wu Mengran! I’m not gonna let her get away with this! She just has to wait and see!” Yao Tiao burst out angrily.

“Ahh... I can’t run anymore.”

“You better keep up, or you won’t get to eat if you don’t finish this five-kilometer run,” Coach Sun warned her without any hint of mercy.

With the cold wind blowing against them, the six of them ran the required distance on their heavy, laden feet. By the time they reached the hostel, everyone else was fast asleep.

At about four in the morning, they were all woken up by a screeching alarm clock.

“Everyone has to gather at the training ground for the morning run in ten minutes.”

“What! Isn’t it still early?” Yao Tiao buried her head deeper into the sheets.

“I’m so sleepy...”

It had been midnight by the time they’d finished the night run. Now, after a full day of harsh physical training, they were expected to get up after barely sleeping for three to four hours?

“Latecomers will have to bear the consequences.”

Ye Erruo sniffed hard through her stuffy nose and called out to the rest, "Quick, get up, everyone! Quick!"

Her haggard look and dark circles were apparent as she called for the rest of her mates to get up.

The sky had not yet turned bright at four o'clock in the early morning. The cloudy sky seemed to hint at a pending rainstorm. Everyone looked lifeless and weak as they stood amid the damp weather.

"Everyone, line up and run for one hour."

"What!" everyone thought.

"Hungry. We're hungry," a few girls protested.

"After the morning run, proceed to have sit-ups before breakfast," Chen Zhanxiao said, his face devoid of expression.

"We're dying. We are going to die for sure."

For three weeks, this was their daily routine: morning run, push-ups, sit-ups, and the likes. The first assignment they were given after this harsh training regime was archery.