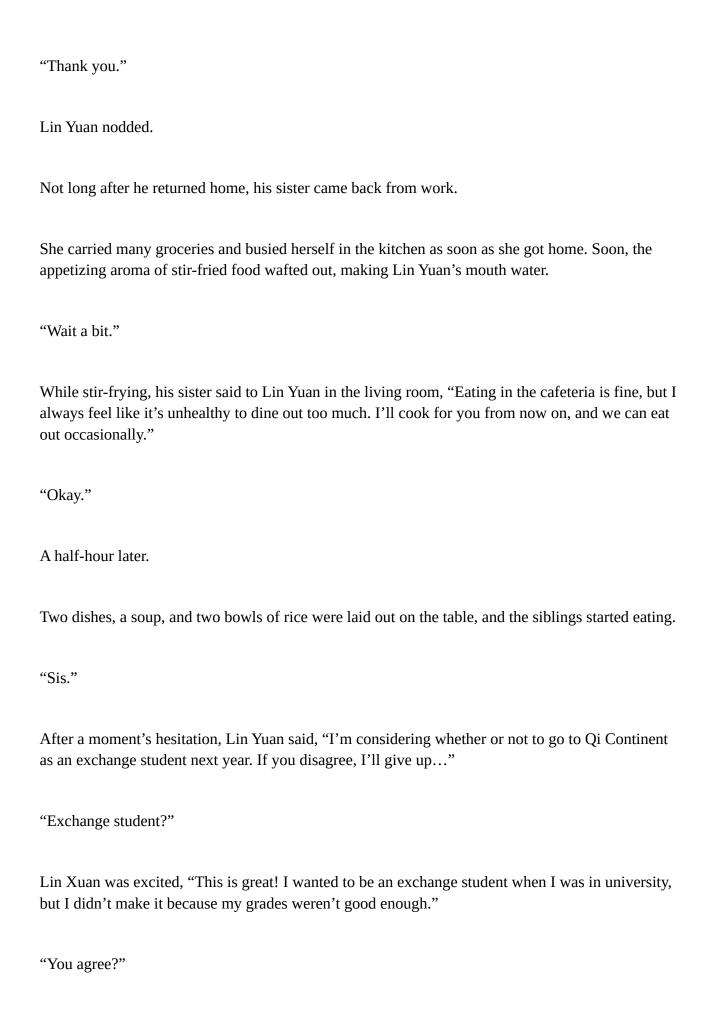
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Chapter 131: Unboxing
Lin Yuan was unaware of the stories triggered by "Initial Dream".
Just before the end of school.
His academic advisor and counselor, Hua Li, approached Lin Yuan, chuckled, and said, "Your song received the highest score in this review."
Lin Yuan nodded, "Mmm."
Hua Li looked at Lin Yuan, feeling that this student was unusually calm, "Don't you have anything to say?"
Lin Yuan thought for a moment, then asked, "Can I be an exchange student in my junior year?"
Hua Li was taken aback, "Do you want to go to Qi Continent?"
Lin Yuan replied, "Thinking about it."
He wanted to discuss it with his family.
Hua Li laughed, "I see. I can reserve a spot for you. Let me know when you make a decision."
With the quality of "Initial Dream" and Lin Yuan's decent past performances, it wouldn't be hard for him to secure a spot as an exchange student.
The exchange program only lasts for two semesters, less than a year in total.

In the grand scheme of a five-year university program, it would pass in the blink of an eye.



"Why wouldn't I?" After a moment's thought, Lin Xuan understood Lin Yuan's concern. She laughed, "You're worried because I'm working in Su City, and you think it's not good for you to just leave. What's the big deal? Being an exchange student only lasts for a year at most. Are you planning to stay in Qi Continent and never come back?" "Certainly not." Lin Yuan was simply curious about Blue Star. He wanted to know what the other states of Blue Star were like. Conveniently, Jian Yi was also going to Qi Continent, so they could keep each other company. "Shall I talk to mom?" "I'll talk to mom, she doesn't understand the concept of exchange students. However, Big Yaoyao might not be happy. She just came here for school and now you're going to Qi Continent. You said you would protect her." "I'll ask my friends to help." Lin Yuan planned to ask his friends in the Painting Department to look after Lin Yao. At the worst, he would temporarily stop raising his tutoring fees. He could increase them again when he came back from Qi Continent. Lin Xuan nodded. Then she glanced at her phone and suddenly said, "It started!"

"What started?"







Lin Xuan: "Xia Fan, give me some autographs next time. I'll sell them and give you a quarter, no, a third of the profits!"

Lin Yuan leaned against his bedroom door. While he still had some holdover luck, he quickly summoned the System, "Quickly, open a Bronze Treasure Chest for me!"

"Opening."

After loading for a few seconds, the System pinged, "Congratulations on your jackpot. You have won a Silver Treasure Chest prize, a famous painter Qi Baishi character card. You will gain Qi Baishi's peak painting state for an hour after using it, recommended for creating ink shrimp paintings."

Lin Yuan was taken aback.

If you say that this luck was good, it was definitely excellent. Lin Yuan knew the value of the shrimp paintings created by Qi Baishi at his peak.

But the problem was...

Even if he could paint the shrimps that Qi Baishi was best at, he certainly wouldn't be able to sell them at Qi Baishi's prices in the short term.

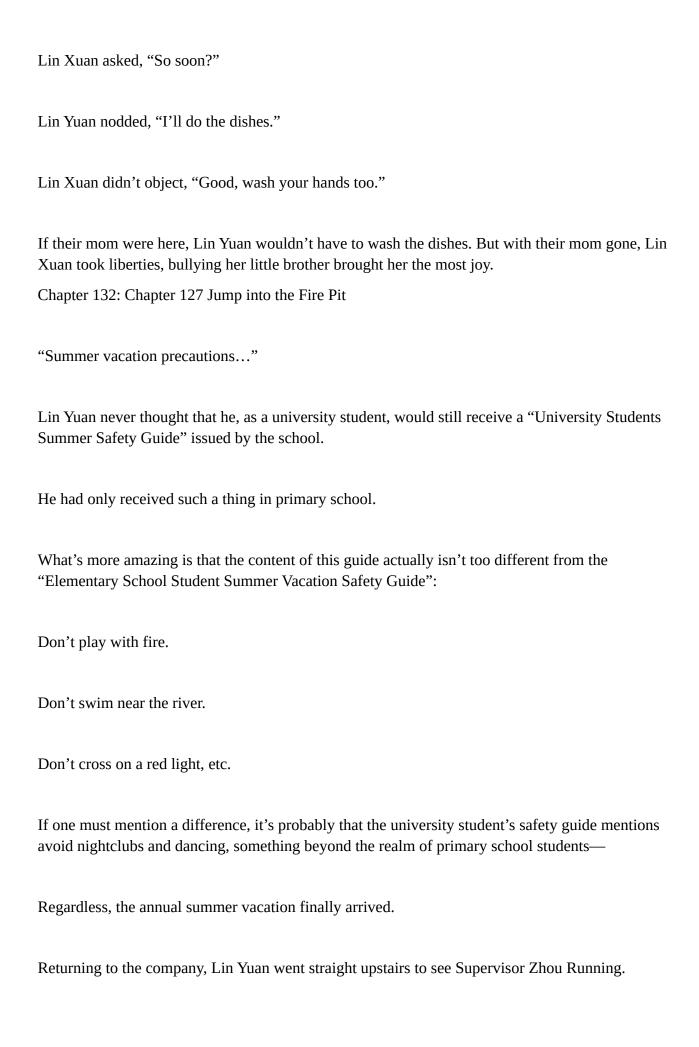
"Small gains are still gains."

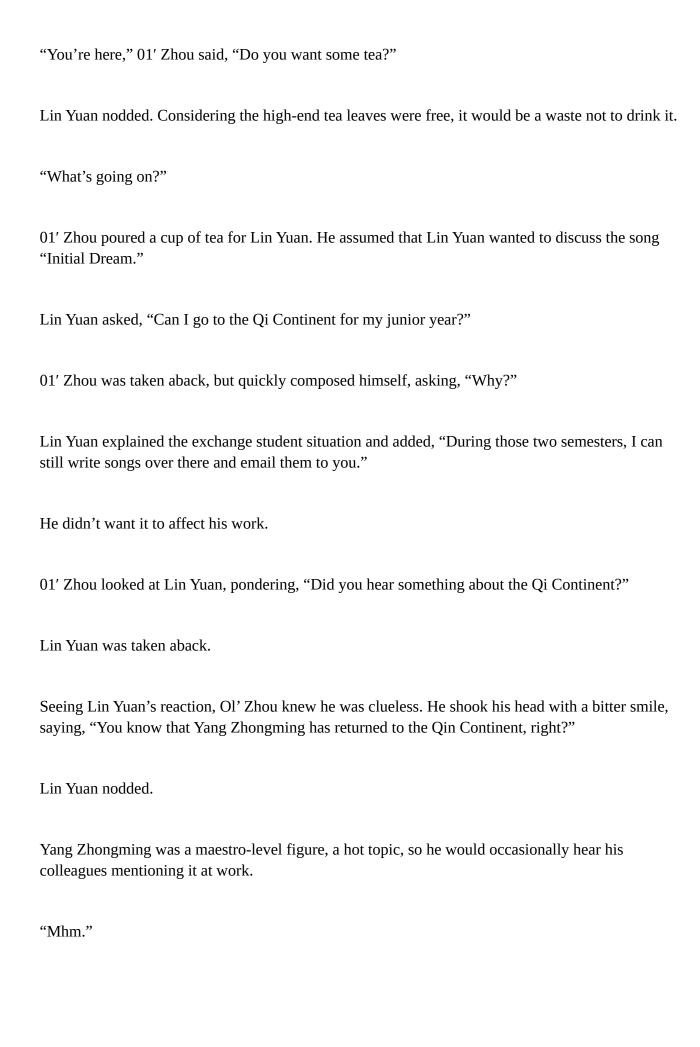
Lin Yuan pondered.

He now only had one Silver Treasure Chest left.

But he didn't have to open it now. He needed to accumulate more luck. This kind of thing couldn't be forced, he had to wait for a natural opportunity.

Lin Yuan opened his door and came out.





01' Zhou tapped his fingers on the desk, "Our Starlight company actually has a small branch over there in the Qi Continent. Although Yang Zhongming didn't pay much attention to the branch while he was in Qi Continent, he would occasionally look after it. Now that Yang Zhongming is back, the situation there has gotten quite bad. After all, the Qi Continent is quite different from our Qin Continent, especially in regard to the music scene. It's like night and day…"

Lin Yuan nodded, although he wasn't sure how this was related to him.

"I'll be straightforward with you."

01' Zhou heaved a sigh, "The situation at the branch in Qi Continent isn't great. The higher-ups have been pressuring me to send someone over for help, but none of our top people want to go. The working conditions there are quite tough, so the issue has remained unresolved. If you decide to go to Qi Continent, this task would fall to you. You won't be able to avoid or push it away. As one of our top composers, I would rather you not go..."

Lin Yuan remembered that he had overheard 01' Zhou discussing sending someone to the Qi Continent on the phone.

It seemed like he might be the one chosen to go.

He asked, "Over there, will my job still be to write songs?"

01' Zhou laughed and said, "Of course."

Lin Yuan nodded, "I can accept that."

No matter how different the music environment was, as long as he was writing songs, he wasn't worried about being incapable.

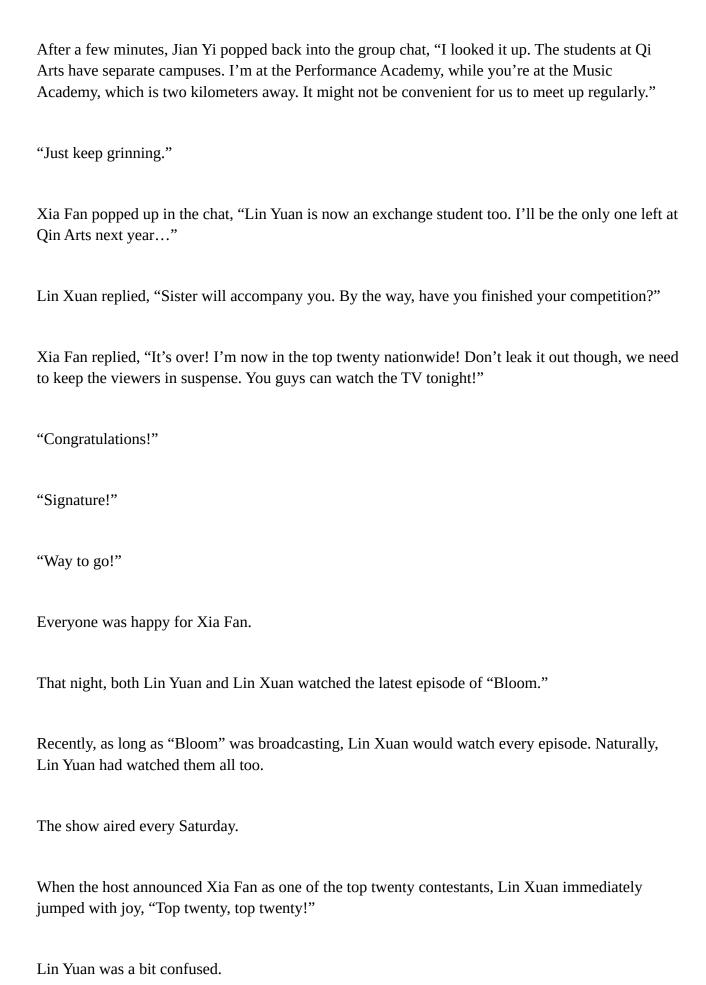
01' Zhou stared at Lin Yuan for a while before saying, "Alright then, it's only for less than a year. If things don't go well, it's no big deal. Consider it as me giving you a year-long vacation..."

"So, I don't need to send my songs back here?"



But seeing Lin Yuan's determination, Wu Yong gave up trying to dissuade him. In the following days, Lin Yuan went about his normal work routine. In his free time, Lin Yuan would work on "Zhu Xian." Of course, to Lin Yuan, his working hours could also be counted as free time. Meanwhile, his younger sister, Lin Yao, had finished her college entrance exam and was waiting for the acceptance letter from a university. Jian Yi had returned home for the vacation. And Xia Fan had joined the program "Bloom," either rehearsing or competing. Everyone occasionally had a little chat about the current state of affairs in the group chat. In short, everybody had their own respective things to be busy with. However, when Lin Yuan mentioned in the group chat that he was going to be an exchange student in Qi Continent, Jian Yi was overjoyed. He had thought that he would be going to the Qi Continent alone, but now he was glad to have Lin Yuan's company. We'll meet at Qi Arts!" Qi Arts was short for the Qi Continent Art Academy.

If efforts could save the subsidiary, would it be in such a mess?



Hadn't they already known the result in the group chat earlier? As a good friend, he naturally also followed Xia Fan's progress. There were plenty of online discussions about "Bloom" now. As one of the strong contenders this year, Xia Fan had gained a bit of popularity. Looking at the current trend, Lin Yuan thought, Xia Fan really might make it to the end of the competition... Chapter 133: Perennial Runner-up Lin Yuan's judgement was not wrong. In the subsequent rounds of the competition, Xia Fan's advancement was unstoppable, and she even made it to the final four, attracting attention from many sectors – There was one thing that even Lin Yuan did not see coming. Xia Fan turned out to be the rare type of competitor who excels in huge competitions! She was usually a girl who would want to rush to the bathroom when nervous. However, the tense and heated atmosphere of the competition seemed to stimulate Xia Fan's potential, making her performance better and better with each match! However... As the competition progressed to this stage, Xia Fan got busier and busier, so much so that she was spending less and less time chatting in the group. Her most recent appearance was simply a hurried

comment: "The organizers won't let us use our smartphones, they're afraid we'll leak details of the

That's very normal.

competition."

The competition needs viewers, knowing the results in advance would take away all the suspense. So at times like this, competitors usually have no access to their phones.

Jian Yi and Lin Xuan were discussing the competition show "Bloom" in the group chat every day.

"Each of the top four competitors is very strong."

"Indeed, they are all very strong, but I think Xia Fan's toughest opponent in this competition is Tang Yue. Tang Yue's innate ethereal voice is fantastic!"

If she can beat Tang Yue, Xia Fan can win the championship!"

"I feel Xia Fan is no less than Tang Yue. Tang Yue's singing skills are slightly weaker than Xia Fan's, and she got to the top four because of her vocal advantage."

"One could only say they each have their own merits."

Lin Yuan was also following the competition, so he knew who Tang Yue that his sister and Jian Yi were discussing was.

This girl was also a competitor in "Bloom".

Among the competitors this time, Tang Yue currently had the highest popularity and support, with Xia Fan in second place. Just based on the overt data, Tang Yue had the best odds of winning the championship.

"Just have to see how the competition goes tomorrow night."

It was now the end of July, and on August 1st tomorrow, the championship battle of "Bloom" would take place!

Lin Xuan even wanted to go and watch the competition live.

However, everyone had work to do, and moreover, the finals were happening in another city. Even if they went to the venue, they might not be able to get in touch with Xia Fan, so they all had to give up on it.
Meanwhile, at Brilliant Silverlight Company
As a top-ranked singer, Chen Zhiyu didn't have the mood to follow a talent show –
Even though he was defeated by Zhao Ying Ge, the champion of the last season of "Bloom".
One must always look forward.
Let the past be the past.
Chen Zhiyu had already put the shadow of "Red Rose" behind him, and he was preparing to make another dash for the charts –
His goal!
Number one in August!
Originally, the frequency at which Chen Zhiyu released new songs was not so high.
However, having had to settle for second place twice when releasing new songs made Chen Zhiyu develop a peculiar obsession with the championship of the season!
I must get first place once!
In fact, Chen Zhiyu could have released a song in July, but there were four top- ranked singers having showdowns in July, so Chen Zhiyu decided to avoid it.
He wasn't some daredevil who was keen on clashing head-on.

August was fine, there was only one top-ranked singer competing with Chen Zhiyu. To everyone, that person was all too familiar -Starlight's top singer, Jin Shuyu! In other words, this was the long-awaited "Battle of the Yus"! Who would've expected that, after Jin Shuyu and Chen Zhiyu brushed past each other in June, they would encounter each other yet again in August. When both sides publicly declared their intentions to vie for the championship of August, the industry was greatly amused: "What a coincidence, isn't it?" "Is it really the Battle of the Yus?" "Hahaha, the Battle of the Yus might come late, but it never fails to arrive!" "It seems that Chen Zhiyu and Jin Shuyu are unfinished with each other!" "Feels like we're back in June again. But this time, there's no Xian Yu to stir things up. The two top singers can have a good fight in August." ΙΙΙΙ Chen Zhiyu paid no mind to the industry's teasing. With him and Jin Shuyu both being top-ranked singers, and their popularity being almost equal, it

Because Chen Zhiyu was very confident about the quality of his song this time. Although the songwriter this time was a newcomer, not a top-tier one, and was even only a sophomore in the Composition Department of East Art...

was all about the quality of their songs.

Chen Zhiyu was not afraid!

That newcomer was very talented, and Chen Zhiyu knew that the song would be a hit as soon as he heard it! The company was also very supportive of Chen Zhiyu's chart battle this time. After all, Chen Zhiyu had come second twice, and both times he had lost to non-top-ranked competitors, which made it somewhat embarrassing. As June came to an end... The media were jokingly saying that Chen Zhiyu was the "perennial runner- up". This was not a good reputation for a top-ranked singer. To completely wipe off the "perennial runner-up" label, Chen Zhiyu had to win the championship. This battle was a must-win situation! However, learning from the previous experience, Chen Zhiyu had specifically asked his agent to do some investigation this time. Nothing much, just to make sure if there would be any "Fish" in August! "I swear, there really isn't one this time!" For caution's sake, the agent spent three days investigating before telling Chen Zhiyu the results: "I said last time that I would definitely check properly next time. Do you believe me now?" "Phew."

Chen Zhiyu breathed a sigh of relief: "If there's no Xian Yu, I'm not worried about having a direct

showdown with Jin Shuyu. This is a war of us top-ranked singers!"

"Yes indeed."

The agent sighed: "That 'Fish' really is troublesome. Every time he collaborates with some unknown little singer and gets us into a mess, this time without him, you will definitely make a clean sweep!"

Chen Zhiyu felt a sudden jolt in his heart: "Don't jinx it!"

The agent didn't know whether to laugh or cry: "Aren't you being too cautious? Don't you think that your song is a match for Jin Shuyu's? You should know that the company reserved this song especially for you. The quality is topnotch!"

Chen Zhiyu nodded: "Indeed."

The agent spread his hands: "See, this round is already sealed... umph!"

Chen Zhiyu covered the agent's hand with his own: "Please, no more jinxing!"

He was already killed by the agent's jinx twice.

Chen Zhiyu was really scared of his agent's mouth now.

Even without Xian Yu this time, to be on the safe side, Chen Zhiyu had to keep his agent's mouth shut to prevent him from jinxing again.

Crashes often result from misinterpreted remarks.

It was a lesson learned from the previous two times.

A few seconds later, Chen Zhiyu let go of his hand.

The agent said helplessly: "I get it."

He felt that Chen Zhiyu was being overly cautious.



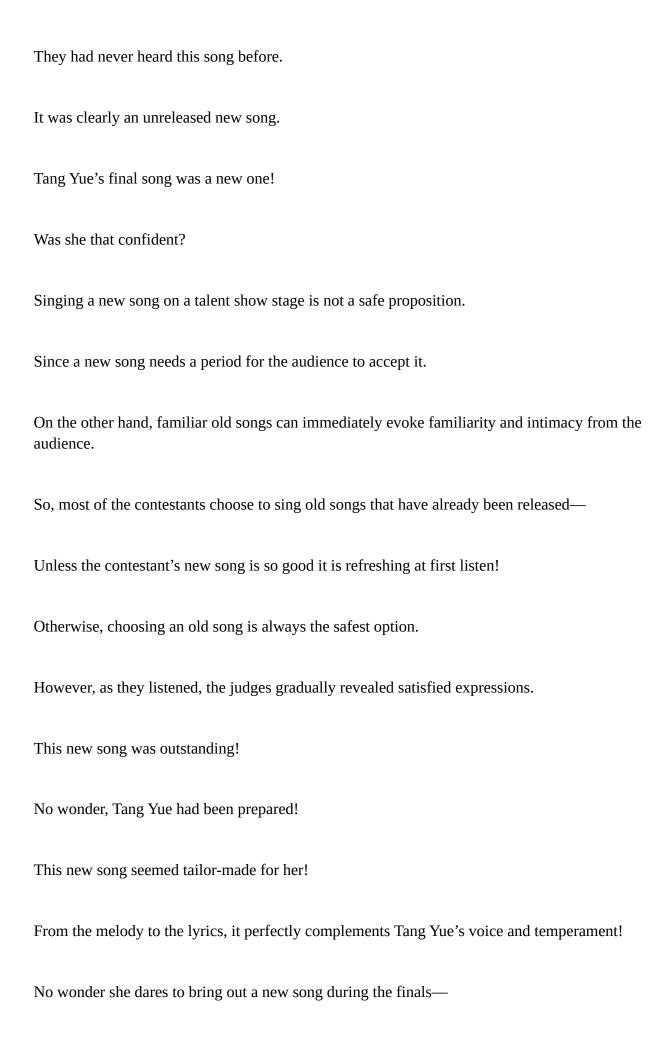
Ladies and gentlemen!
The male host's voice was extremely loud: "After several rounds of brutal and fierce competition tonight, the two contestants who have advanced to the final round of this season's Bloom have been determined, and they are"
Tang Yue! Tang Yue!"
Xia Fan! Xia Fan!
The audience responded enthusiastically.
The female host's voice was somewhat crisp: "Our on-site audience has just announced the names of the two contestants, and I believe the viewers in front of the television sets are as excited as they are. However, um we may have to take a short rest for a few minutes, allowing these two excellent contestants to prepare for the next song. The performance of these two contestants will ultimately determine who will win this season's competition!"
Backstage at the competition.

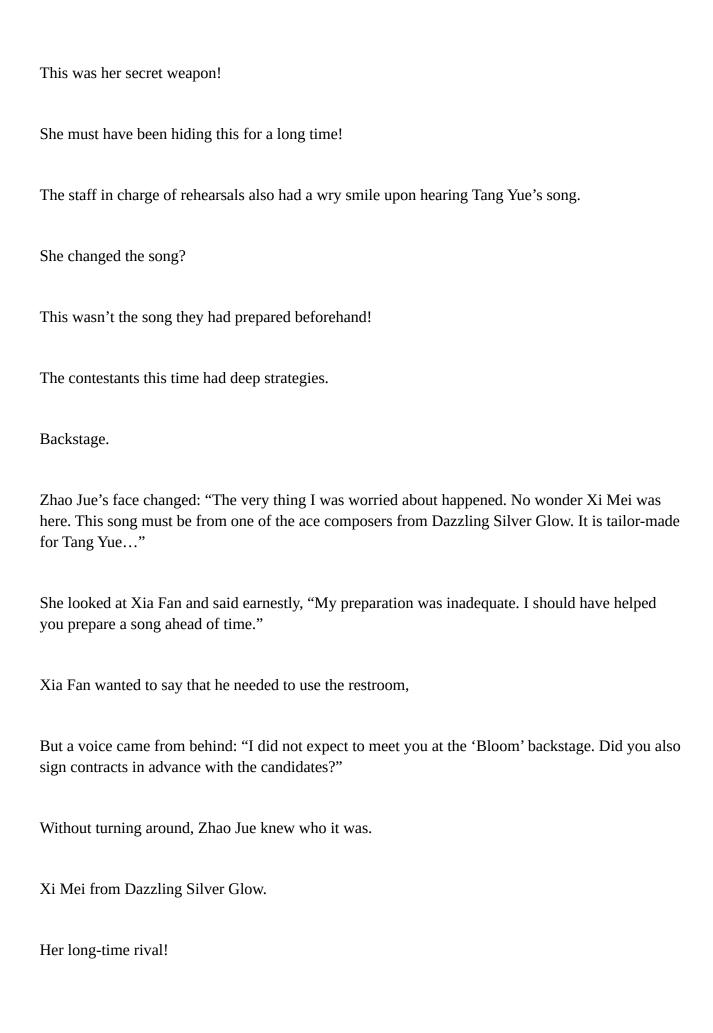


I need to use the washroom.
Xia Fan said with a bit of embarrassment.
Zhao Jue nodded with a smile, and casually comforted: "You have already proved that you are very good by breaking into the finals. You don't need to put too much pressure on yourself. I will keep an eye on things here for you."
Xia Fan nodded.
Zhao Jue watched Xia Fan's receding figure, pursing her lips.
Although she was comforting Xia Fan, Zhao Jue wanted more than anything else for Xia Fan to win the championship!
Xia Fan had already pre-signed a contract with Starlight, and if she won the championship, it would mean that the champions of two consecutive Blooms joined Starlight!
This would be a massive boost to Starlight's reputation!
Starlight would surely surpass Sand Sea and Dazzling Silver Glow in popularity!
If Xia Fan ended up as the runner-up, the result would, of course, be good, but compared to the significance of the championship, it would be a lot less.
Just then.
Zhao Jue glanced backstage and suddenly noticed a somewhat familiar figure.

Why was she here?
Zhao Jue couldn't help but frown slightly, could it be
Ten minutes later.
Xia Fan returned.
She noticed that something was off about Zhao Jue's expression and asked: "Ms. Zhao, is there something wrong?"
Actually, there is.
Zhao Jue began, "I just saw Xi Mei. You may not know who she is, but she's the chief agent of Dazzling Silver Glow."
Xia Fan was taken aback.
Zhao Jue narrowed her eyes, "If I'm not wrong, Xi Mei is probably here for Tang Yue. Quick to act indeed."
Xia Fan was a bit worried, "Can she manipulate the results of the competition?
Zhao Jue chuckled, "Xi Mei does not have that ability. Furthermore, I'm here so even if she wanted to cheat, she wouldn't get a chance. However"

Concerned, Xia Fan asked, "However what?
Zhao Jue shook her head, "Let's watch the competition. It's almost Tang Yue's turn to go on stage. Let's hope my suspicions are unwarranted."
On stage, the host was mindful of the time while maintaining the interaction rhythm with the audience. When the director's cue came through his earpiece, the male host started to laugh, "Thank you all for waiting. Now, let's welcome contestant Tang Yue to bring us her final song of the night!"
If
Tang Yue!"
Tang Yue!"
Tang Yue!"
The audience cheered again. And while the elevator stage was on par with the main stage, Tang Yue finally made her appearance. Accompanying her was a rather unfamiliar accompaniment: "Peach blossoms were in full bloom that year, your figure still appears, shaking the ocean of blossoms"
A new song?"
The four program judges, all of whom had a great reputation in the industry, looked at each other, all seeing the surprise in each other's eyes.







The atmosphere at the scene was unprecedented, and everyone was shouting "Tang Yue's" name!
The four judges also took turns commenting on Tang Yue's song, giving high praises in their words
Zhao Jue.
Xi Mei was extremely pleased and seemed to be enjoying Zhao Jue's expression. "Can you bring out that fish now to save the show? Or let's have a meal later. There's a pickled fish restaurant in Sun City. It tastes amazing!"
Xia Fan suddenly looked up.
She suddenly smiled, but her eyes were icy as she stared at Xi Mei: "Not necessarily, Auntie."
Auntie?
Xi Mei was upset.
Am I that old?
Then, Xi Mei was surprised. Xia Fan was so nervous just now that she couldn't speak. How did she suddenly change like a different person?
Yes, like a different person!
This feeling was so strange!

Xia Fan turned to look at the stage and said lightly, "I didn't want to do this originally because I thought it was a bit unfair. I wanted to win the championship on my own skills, but if you guys started, it wouldn't be unfair, especially since you've mentioned him..."

Xi Mei was blank, "What?

A few staff members came over and reminded Xi Mei, "Please don't disturb the contestant. The contestant needs to prepare to go on stage."

Hmm.

Xi Mei glared at Xia Fan, then turned and left, her eight-centimeter heels clickclacking on the floor.

Well done!

Zhao Jue gave Xia Fan a thumbs up: "I didn't expect you to talk to Xi Mei like that. What's that saying again? Better to lose in performance than in spirit. From now on, Ms. Zhao's got your back! If we lose this competition, we lose. We at Starlight, don't care!"

No, Ms. Zhao, today, I won't lose in performance or in spirit!

Xia Fan's eyes suddenly became unprecedentedly serious. This was the first time she had been so serious during the competition: "I have to win this competition!"

Zhao Jue was astonished.

As she was pondering on how to comfort Xia Fan, the next moment, something happened that left Zhao Jue dumbfounded:

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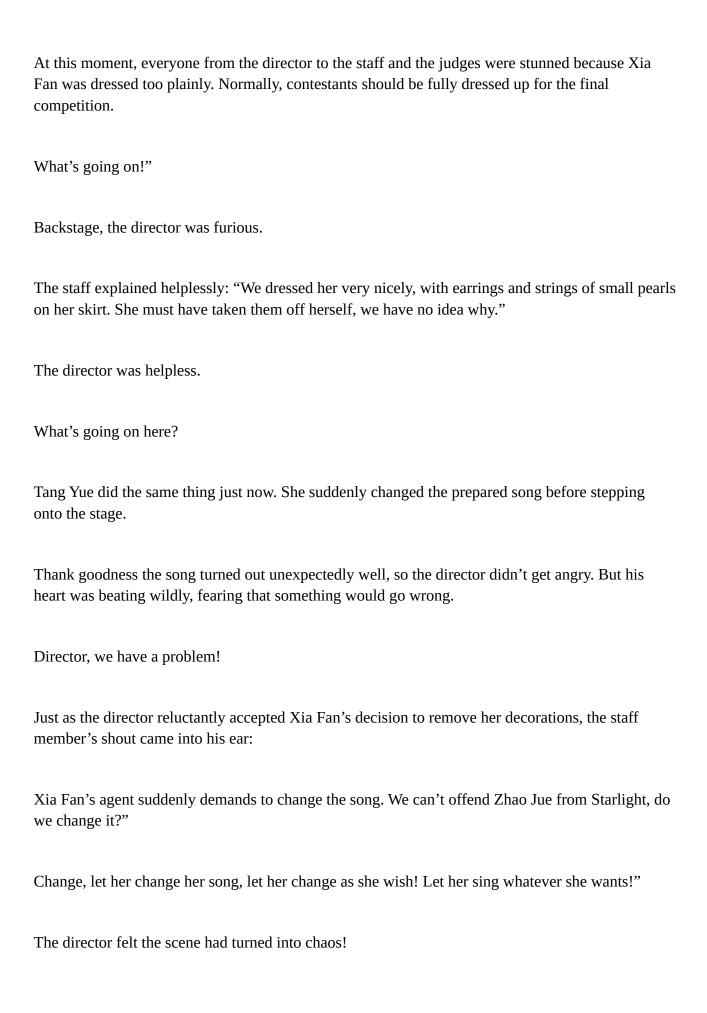
Xia Fan abruptly tore off the fancy decorations she was wearing and let these luxurious decorations fall to the ground: "Otherwise... I, Xia Fan... would disappoint my friend."

Are you crazy!" Zhao Jue wanted to stop her, but it was too late. With decorations scattered all over the ground and pearls rolling everywhere, Xia Fan was left in her simplest clothes— How can she compete like this? Zhao Jue felt a splitting headache and said helplessly, "You think Xi Mei came here to show off, but it's not that. She's not that childish. How could the chief agent of Dazzling Silver Glow be so shortsighted? She just wanted to mess with your mentality. She's afraid of losing too. If you really lose your composure because of this, you will be doing her a favor!" I know. Xia Fan looked towards the stage, her eyes sparkling like brilliant fireworks and a sky full of stars, "Just this once, I don't want to lose. Please inform backstage, Ms. Zhao, I want to..." Change the song!" Chapter 135: Initial Dream On stage. The praises given by the four judges to Tang Yue had pushed the atmosphere of the scene to its peak. Almost all the audience members were ignited, madly shouting the name of another contestant This stage, so difficult to take on! The host could not suppress his excitement: "Unexpectedly, contestant Tang Yue has brought us a new song as beautiful as heavenly music. Her voice is still echoing in my ears. But the next

contestant should not be underestimated, let's welcome Xia Fan with a round of applause!"

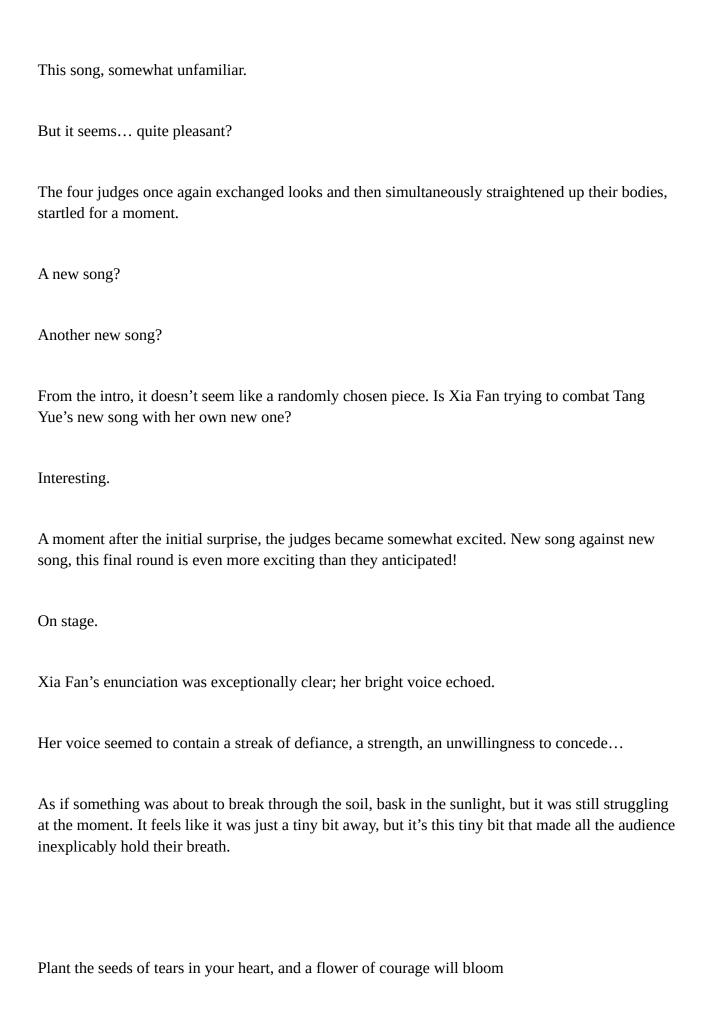
Xia Fan steps onto the stage.

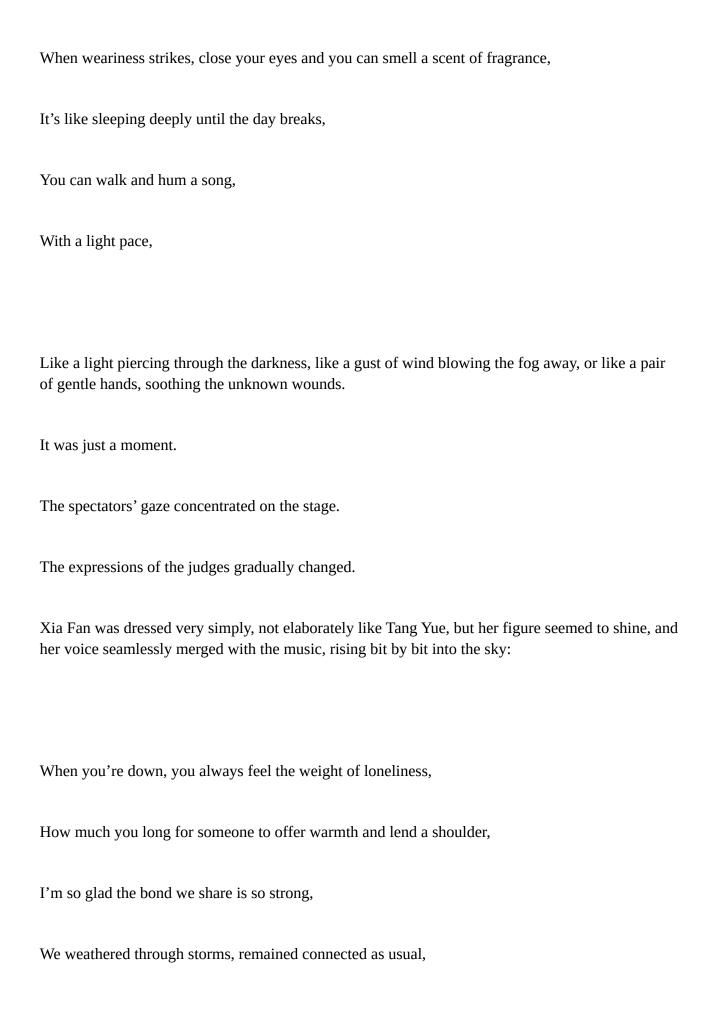
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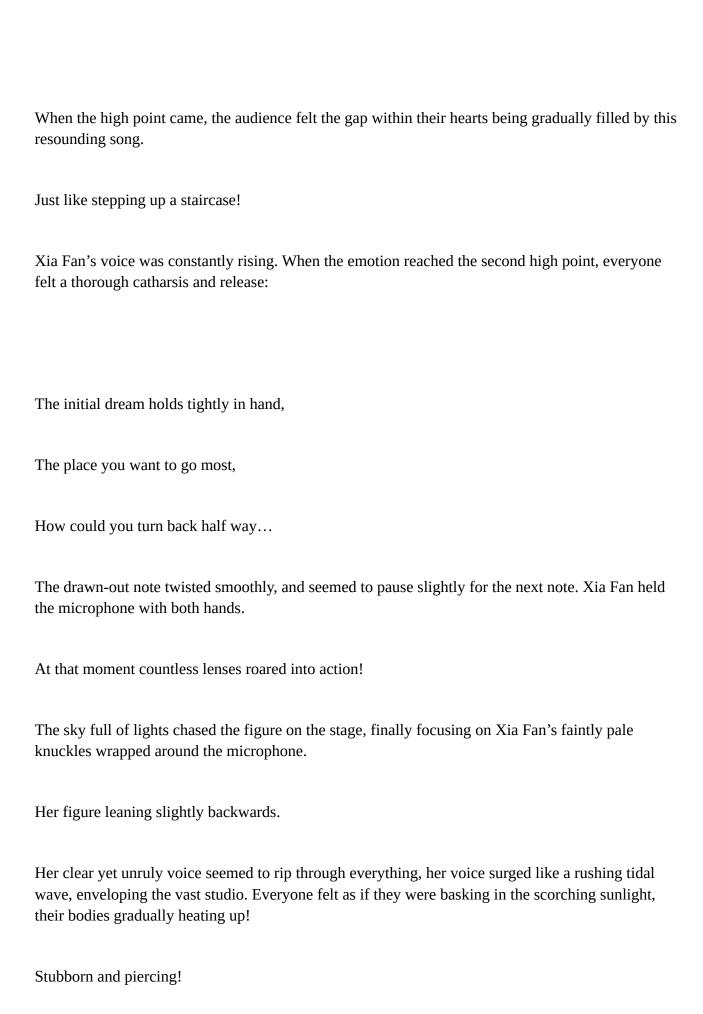


But a contestant's request to change the song was allowed.
Given that Tang Yue had already changed her song at the last minute, why wouldn't they allow Xia Fan to do the same?
But in this situation, would it be useful for Xia Fan to change her song?
Meanwhile, under the stage.
The audience were whispering to each other, discussing the song Tang Yue just performed, still not quite recovered from the atmosphere it created.
Most of the audience present are relatively neutral and wouldn't particularly lean towards either singer.
Their support would go to whoever sang better.
Tang Yue hid her talent pretty deep!
She even sang a new song!"
And it's especially suitable for her voice!"
Feels similar to Zhao Ying Ge from last year!
Exactly, Zhao Ying Ge's championship was highly valuable. Actually, Xia Fan is not bad either. I've watched many of her performances and have a deep impression of her. It's just that this is the final. Tang Yue's trump card is too strong."
Not only the audience.
Even the judges had a small sigh in their hearts.

Xia Fan had only a slim chance of succeeding.
The suspense in this final round was minimal, especially after Tang Yue took the stage first and completely captivated the audience.
Just then.
The lights started flickering.
A soft piano sound rang out, followed by a drum beat and the progression of various instruments, gradually bringing us into a whole new mood.
This mood even dissipated the impact that the previous song had on the audience.
Xia Fan stood on the stage in her simple attire and began her performance. Her voice, just like her attire, was simply simple:
If pride hadn't been cruelly shattered by the cold sea of reality
How would one know the effort required to get far
If dreams never hung by a thread on the brink of a cliff
How would one know the persistent ones
possess invisible wings
The audience who had been whispering to each other gradually raised their heads, their conversations ceased in the melody of Xia Fan's song.







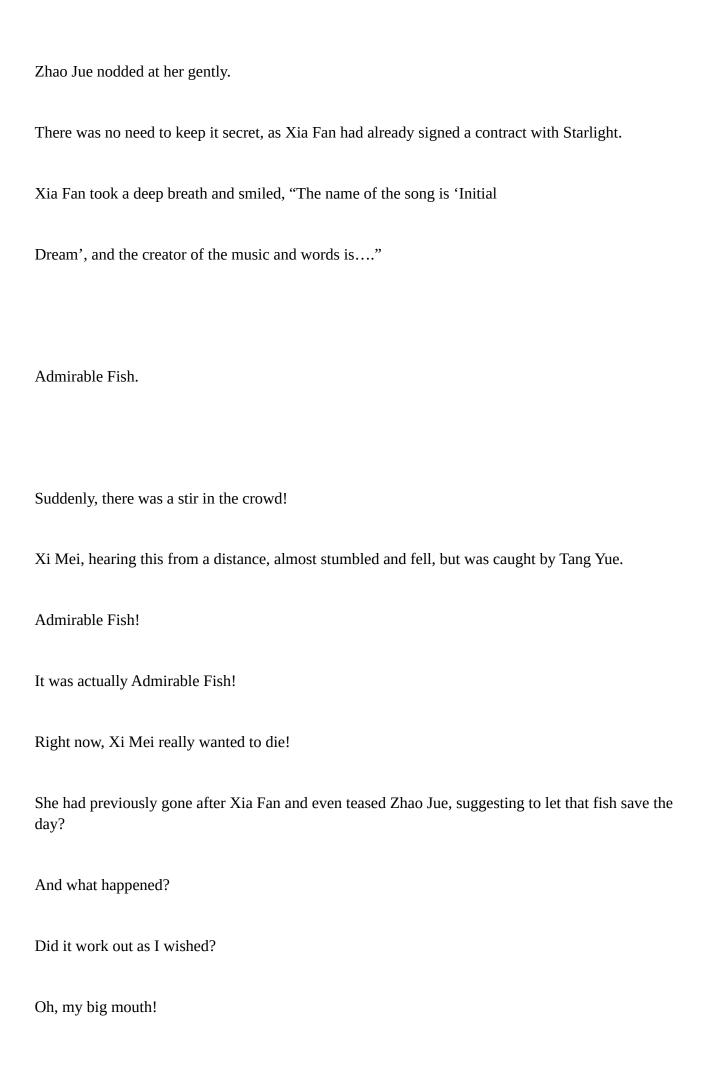
Thoroughly liberating!
Xia Fan's gaze finally rested on the sky. Next came an even more exaggerated high note that shocked the audience, this was the emotional climax of the entire song: "The initial dream will surely be reached, longing truly realized, then you can really say you've reached Heaven
The crowd roared!
Almost at the same time!
The judges abruptly stood up!
As if echoing this scene, the countless audience members erupted in cheers, flashlights spinning rapidly, some audience members also stood up!
Camera three!
The director backstage went crazy. Without worrying whether the stage was in chaos, he instinctively roared with Xia Fan, pointing and commanding the staff from afar:
Keep the spotlight on the singer from the left!
All stage lights follow up!
The audience reaction must catch up!
Close-up on the four judges!
I want to see their expressions! Expressions!

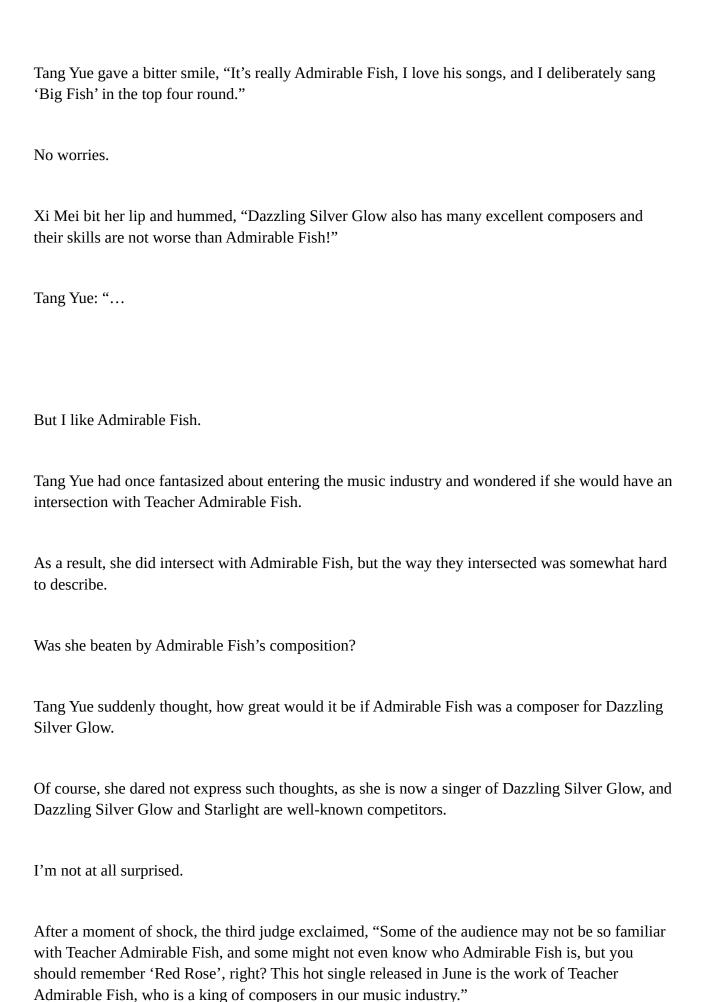
The camera zoomed in.
The judges' reactions varied.
But it was clear they were all hyped!
When the four judges simultaneously opened their mouths wide, their exaggerated reactions said it all, they completely forgot any sense of image control, which seemed comparable to a constipated expression, the audience's emotions exploded together—
Wow!
What is this!
I'm going crazy!"
"Ah! Ah! Ah! Ah!"
At that moment all their minds were blank, they just lost themselves in the ocean of the song, with almost unconscious screams from the audience one after another, just about ready to jump even if there was a precipice ahead of them!
Some were waving their fists!
Some were clapping their hands until they turned red from the screaming!
In the backstage, Tang Yue widened her eyes, almost forgetting to breathe, and next to her, Xi Mei took a step back in shock, screamed, and twisted her ankle because her high heels were too high.
Only one person.

Was still calm at this moment.
That person was Zhao Jue.
Zhao Jue even wore a smile. In her mind, she suddenly remembered the conversation she had with Xia Fan before she went on stage, it was very simple:
Why did you change the song?
Because it's Xian Yu's song. Chapter 136: Champion
When Tang Yue finished singing, the audience felt that the champion of this edition had already been decided.
When Xia Fan finished singing, the audience again felt that the champion of this edition had already been decided.
Well then.
Although Chinese is profound and broad, the second time there truly was no doubt, because all the audience was shouting the same name:
Xia Fan!
Xia Fan!
Most of the audience was neutral, which is the great benefit of being neutral — they're fans of whoever sings well. Before, they were fans of Tang Yue, now they are fans of Xia Fan.

It seemed like a continuous change. The male host quickly stepped onto the stage, his voice resonating, "What a gluttonous feast, I believe that the audience here and those watching at home must be equally excited, but we still have to calm down." Yes. The female host also stood on the stage and said, "Who would have thought that two new songs would emerge in the battle for this edition's championship, and both songs had us all going crazy. Would our four judges like to share their thoughts?" The camera turned to the four judges. The four judges were very excited, took their time to compose themselves amidst much laughter. I think I've calmed down. The first judge laughed, "But I really don't know how to comment on this song. I can only say that the composer who can write such a song is definitely not a nobody. The song is good, the singing is also good, if you insist on my comments, I can only say, Xia Fan's song is my favorite of this competition! A perfect level performance! The second judge also gave a very high evaluation and then turned to Xia Fan, "Can you reveal the name of this song and who is the composer behind it?" Whoosh! All eyes turned to Xia Fan, everyone was intrigued by this explosive song and curious about the creator.

Xia Fan glanced to the side of the stage.



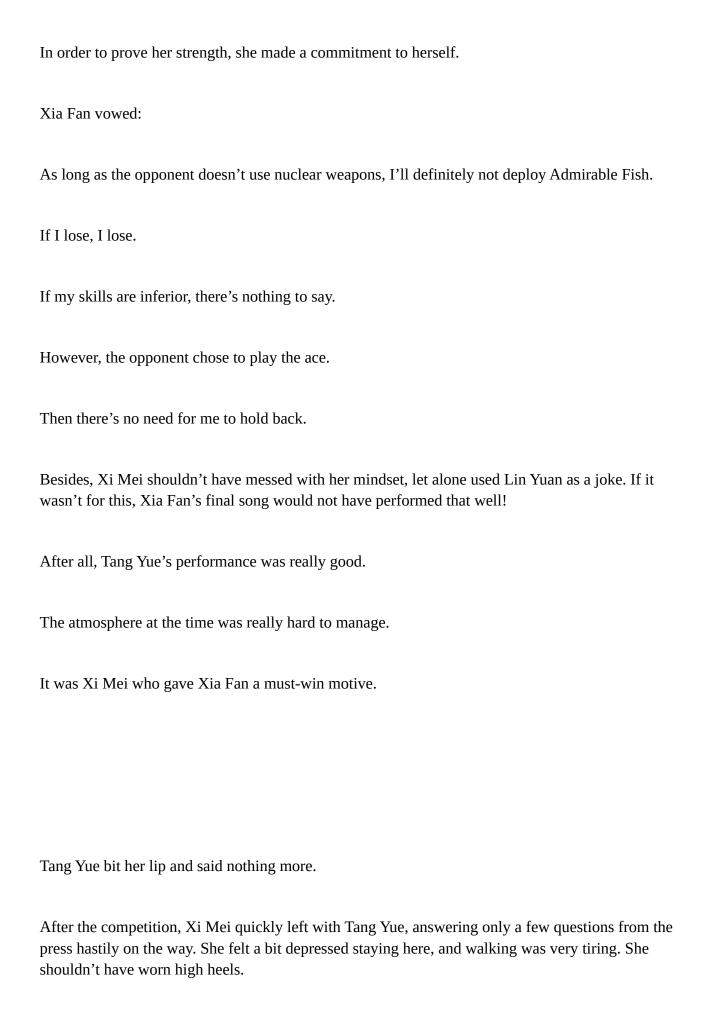


As soon as he finished speaking.
The crowd below was boiling.
The third judge was taken aback, wondering what he had said wrong, why was the audience reacting so much?
He looked at his three companions.
The three of them were also puzzled.
The judges could only turn their heads to the audience and listen to the voices of the audience, only to hear the audience shouting:
I know Admirable Fish!
I've heard his songs!"
I'm a fan of Admirable Fish!
Sorry, we are very familiar!

The judges instantly gave embarrassed laughs while the hosts couldn't help but take a little joy in their discomfort, "It seems that our judges underestimated our audience. Admirable Fish is also quite well-known outside the circle."
This is very normal.
Anyone who has been following music recently should not feel too unfamiliar with the name Admirable Fish. 'Red Rose' just won the seasonal championship in June, plus, albeit few, each of Admirable Fish's songs have a high popularity: "Isn't that right, everyone?"
Yes!
The audience shouted.
The current discussion among the audience is not about who Admirable Fish is. Even if some don't really know him, they would pretend to, so as not to seem outdated. And for the real fans of Admirable Fish, the excitement was tremendous:
Admirable Fish is so strong!"
A true ace composer!"



Those words were merely pleasantries.
Although Tang Yue performed wonderfully, when compared to Xia Fan, she was a bit off. Without many comments, the reaction from the audience and the judges explained everything, this is after all a programme that values fair competition.
But the process that needs to be gone through should still be gone through.
As the public judges gradually cast their votes, eventually, Xia Fan lifted the championship trophy during the song playback of "Initial Dream".
Starlight shone brilliantly!
Tang Yue, as the runner-up, stood next to Xia Fan on stage, holding the runner-up trophy, her smile a bit bitter.
Congratulations.
As she hugged Xia Fan politely, Tang Yue suddenly leaned into Xia Fan's ear and whispered: "Your card is better than mine."
She felt a bit of envy and unwillingness.
Of course, Xia Fan could hear the meaning beneath Tang Yue's words.
So, Xia Fan also leaned into the counterpart's ear and puzzled: "But, you're the ones who moved first."
Xia Fan was of course puzzled.



She had to go.

Zhao Jue definitely wasn't in a hurry to leave. She purposely made a debut with Xia Fan in front of the reporters, and publicly announced a piece of news. When she announced this piece of news, she glanced at Xi Mei, who was leaving quickly: "Our Starlight has signed a contract with Xia Fan, and I have decided that Xia Fan will officially join this season's new song chart competition!"

Click Click!

The reporters went crazy with photos, one question after another, all revolving around today's champion, and Xia Fan answered each one in turn.

For some reason.

After the final round, she seemed to have been reborn from the ashes and felt no more nerves.

If it were before, faced with so many reporters asking questions, it would probably just make her anxious about the location of the bathroom, right?

Meanwhile, in Su City.

At Wutong Garden Community.

As Xia Fan won the championship in the live broadcast of the final round, Lin Xuan, who was watching the TV, suddenly jumped three feet high in excitement. When Xia Fan announced that her last song was composed by her brother himself, Lin Xuan's excitement was beyond words:

We won, we won! You're amazing, little brother!

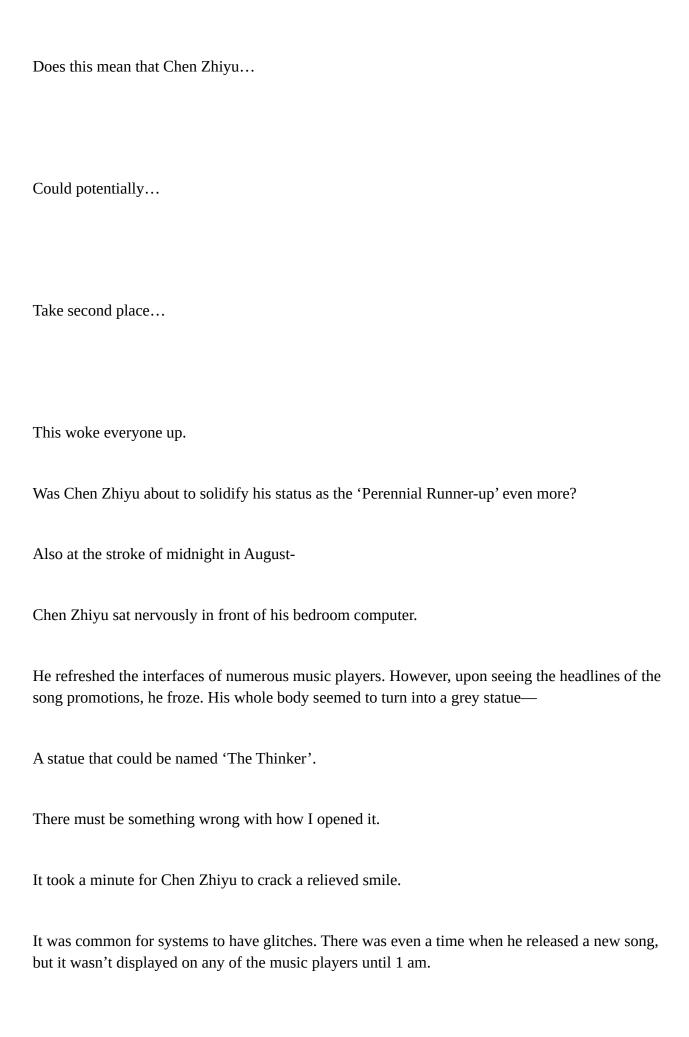
Lin Yuan said: "Xia Fan was the best.

Xia Fan had previously recorded "Initial Dream".

But no matter if it was the recorded examination version or the countless tryout versions before, none of them were as good as Xia Fan's performance tonight on this stage! This is the best version of "Initial Dream", so good that even Lin Yuan was astonished – Xia Fan raised the key. Not only were her high notes powerful. It was a perfect performance! This further made Lin Yuan realize, human potential is endless! Champion, mighty! Jian Yi immediately sent a message in the group chat on his phone; it was clear he had also watched the final round of "Bloom" in full at home. To express his happiness. Jian Yi also sent a one-yuan red envelope in all seriousness. Chapter 137: The Thinker After the competition, a great number of discussions sprung up online. Xia Fan's name was mentioned frequently. Additionally, discussions about Xian Yu appeared in spades for the first time ever!

Xian Yu was indeed famous. All his works so far have been fairly popular. However, due to his behind-the- scenes persona, no work of his has ever had the chance to truly explode into fame. But the stage of "Bloom" has made it impossible for everyone to ignore his existence any longer! Have you guys noticed? Someone joked, "Considering that Zhao Ying Ge was in the last competition, both the previous and current champions of "Bloom" have collaborated with Xian Yu. So, is it the case now that the champion of this program will have to collaborate with Xian Yu to be truly successful?" This was of course just a joke. Everyone quickly shifted their focus back to "Initial Dream". As Zhao Jue mentioned, this song was officially released at the stroke of midnight on the first of August, and it was not the studio version: It was the live version from "Bloom"! The recording, of course, was technically processed. Things like audience cheers and applause were mostly edited out, only leaving behind the screams that filled the venue after the song ended. Using Zhao Jue's own words, the live version was released first, and a studio version would be released later. After all, re-recording takes time.

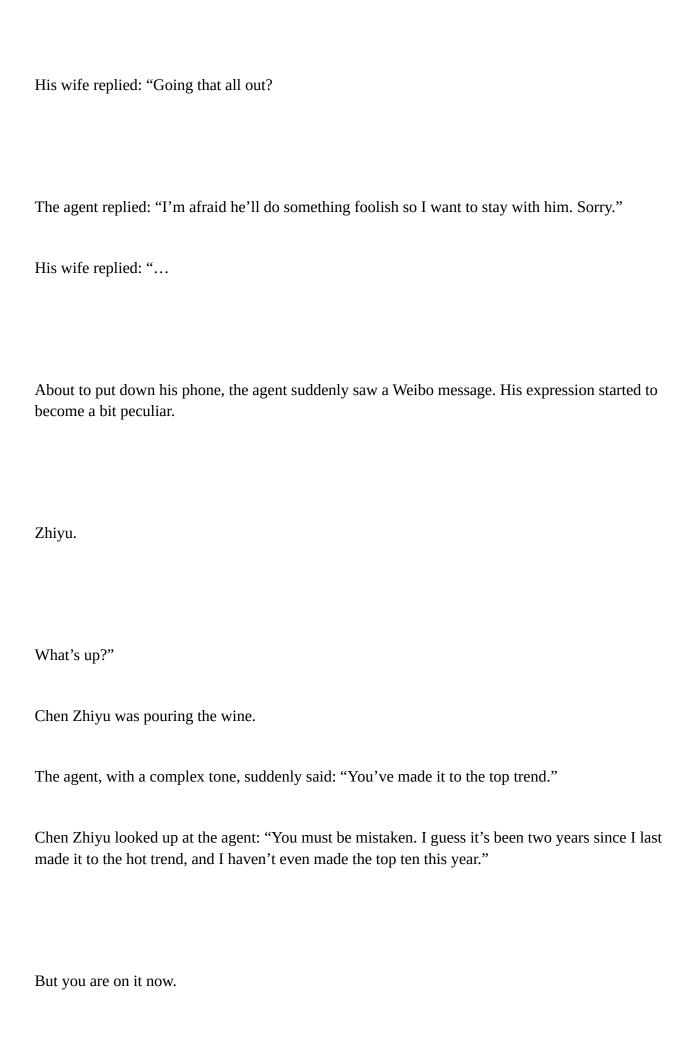
Lin Yuan did have a recorded version, as it was his annual assessment piece, but its effect may not necessarily be better than the live version.
Many viewers who had watched the program came to download "Initial Dream".
This song is definitely going to be a hit!
There's no doubt it's the championship song for this season.
It would be strange if this song didn't take first place. It's the champion song for "Bloom", and it's a new song from Xian Yu!"
At this point, someone realized: "Aren't there two top-tier singers releasing songs in August?"
The Battle of the Two Yus?
I just listened to the songs of Chen Zhiyu and Jin Shuyu, and Chen Zhiyu's is really good, far better than Jin Shuyu's!"
Wait a minute



He closed the player.
Chen Zhiyu reopened it.
And he once again turned into a statue.
His manager appeared at the door, and after smiling a bit, he stepped in. But when he saw Chen Zhiyu sitting stunned in front of his computer, an inexplicably strange feeling arose in his heart. This scene seemed eerily familiar:
Are you okay?
He asked, tentatively.
Chen Zhiyu snapped back to reality. He looked warmly at his manager with a genial smile and beckoned, "I'm fine. I'm sure everything will be alright. Come closer, let's listen to the song together!"
That's great!
The manager breathed a sigh of relief. When he first walked in, he thought something had happened. But what could possibly happen? There was no Xian Yu this month, and Jin Shuyu was nothing to worry about.
What song is it?

He sat down with a laugh, but almost immediately, he cried out in horror: "Chen Zhiyu, what are you doing!"
Nothing!
Chen Zhiyu wound the headphone cord around the manager's neck, pushing down on his struggling body, and chanted: "Let's die together, let's die together, didn't you say that there would be no Xian Yu this month and I would surely take first place? Why did Xian Yu still appear? It was definitely your jinx!" Chen Zhiyu really was an exceptional singer, his lung capacity was frightening.
Murder!
The manager squawked, face as white as a sheet. Xian Yu's song release method this time was too special, who could've expected it!
Still, considering this was a lawful society, Chen Zhiyu finally held back his destructive urges and calmed down.
Five minutes later.
He and his manager sat together, expressionless as they listened to "Initial Dream" in its entirety.
On the computer screen.





The agent said, "Look, your fans have increased by more than a hundred thousand. By the way, how many comments do you usually get on your Weibo posts?" Chen Zhiyu thought for a moment: "Over ten thousand, I guess. The agent said: "The comments on the Weibo post about your new song have already exceeded a hundred thousand... It seems like... you've made it big?" My song won? Chen Zhiyu suddenly felt blood rushing to his head. He grabbed his agent's phone, looking forward to seeing the comments! Top comment: Heartbreaking Second top comment: Pat on the head Third top comment: Stay strong Fourth top comment:... Chen Zhiyu's face was indescribably complex. He suddenly said with full of grief and indignation: "This trending topic, I'd rather not have it!" Meanwhile. Jin Shuyu was a bit nervous as he opened up Chen Zhiyu's new song, and after listening for a few

minutes, his eyebrows furrowed.

First place is suspended.
Glancing at various banner advertisements, Jin Shuyu suddenly saw a push notification: "Admirable Fish's new song helps Xia Fan clinch 'Bloom' championship, 'Initial Dream' launched to a shocking reception!"
He quickly clicked on it.
Midway through listening, he abruptly took off his earphones.
He took out his phone, Jin Shuyu posted on his friend circle, the content was just three words:
Everyone will die!
The attached image was a picture of a fish.
After thinking about it, Jin Shuyu felt that this was not appropriate, as he had a lot of friends within the company.
What if someone in the company starts spreading rumors?
What if Teacher Admirable Fish thinks I'm expressing my dissatisfaction with him?
So, he just made the visibility of this friend circle post:
Only visible to Chen Zhiyu

Firstly, this was the hottest show at the moment, and secondly, Xia Fan, a contestant in the show,

was a student from Qin Art.

Everyone naturally wanted to cheer for Xia Fan. But after the program was over, the mentors and professors from the Composition Department of Qin Art were left dumbfounded. Especially Hua Li, the mentor of Class Five in the Composition Department of Qin Art. She could tell right away that the song Xia Fan was singing was "Initial Dream". But that wasn't the point. The point was, Xia Fan said that "Initial Dream" was Xian Yu's song? Hua Li was furious! She opened the group chat of the Composition Department and started typing frantically, sending several messages in a row: Did you guys watch the grand finale of 'Bloom'? It was too much, just too much! Xia Fan actually said this song belonged to Xian Yu, but it clearly is Lin Yuan's song!" I'm trembling with rage and breaking out in a cold sweat in broad daylight! @everyone, we as a centuries-old school under Qin Art, must help Lin Yuan get justice!" There was an eerie silence in the group chat for a few seconds.

Mentor of class four: "Don't you think you're the one who's gone too far, Teacher Hua Li?"

Mentor of class two: "Your boastfulness is too obvious.
Mentor of class one: "Teacher Hua Li, you should quit the group yourself.
Mentor of class six: "Zou Yu? Who is that?
Professor Jin: "So Lin Yuan is Xian Yu, no wonder his song can easily knock Zou Yu out of the park."
Professor Li of Composition: "Hahahahahaha-! Our school actually has such a gem!!!"
Professor Wang of Qin Art: "East Art is doomed!
Professor Wang of Qin Art: "Suffering.
Handsome Professor Zhang: "I just checked the exam records, I think I might not have given Lin Yuan a passing grade for 'Life Like A Summer Flower'."
Hua Li: ".
She pinched her own leg and slapped her own face before typing again: "Ahhh! I'm sorry everyone! I was confused! Lin Yuan is Xian Yu, Xian Yu is Lin Yuan! So that's how it is!"
You only figured it out now?
Everyone was speechless.
At this time, Professor Shi Cheng (©everyone: "Since all of you know now, I don't need to hide it anymore. I hope you all keep quiet about the news that Lin Yuan is Xian Yu. Lin Yuan doesn't like being subject to excessive attention and disturbance from the outside world. As his teachers, we must provide him with a quiet space to create!"

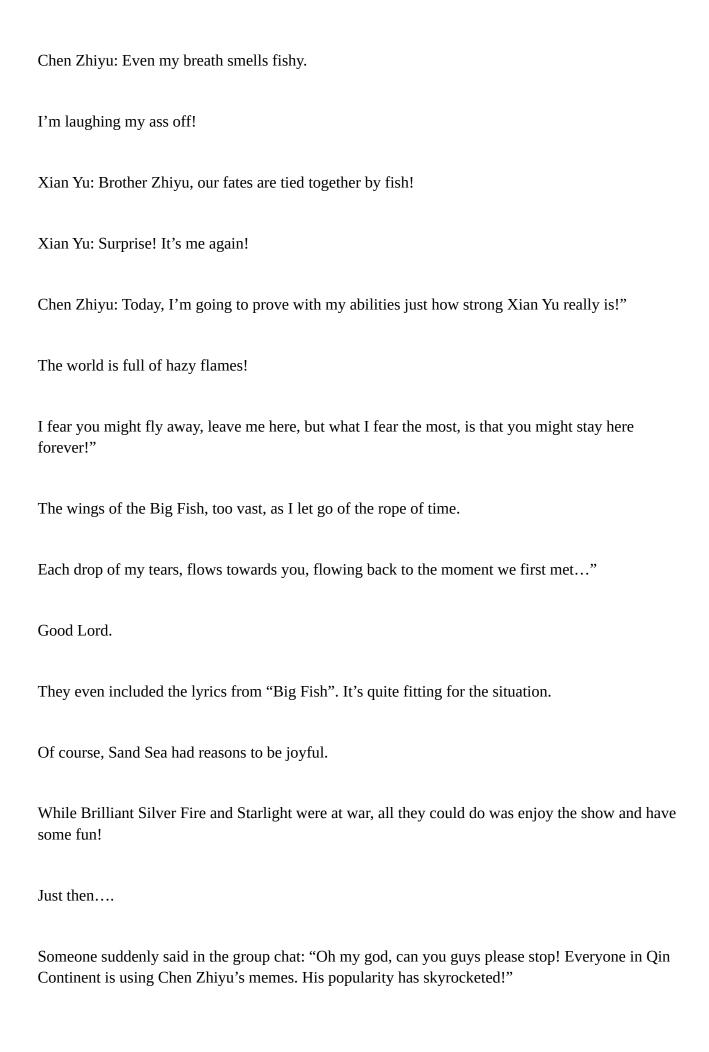
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At this point, the mentor of class three expressed some concerns: "The news that Lin Yuan is Xian Yu is probably not just known by us now. East Art also knows!"
Feeling foolish now, aren't you?"
This time Hua Li was quick enough to respond: "East Art probably wants to keep this secret more than we do. What good will it do them to reveal that Lin Yuan is Xian Yu?"
Everyone: "
Teacher of class seven: "Now, I'm worried about how Hua Li will continue teaching. Xian Yu is in her specialized class, who exactly is teaching whom?
Hua Li: "Stop talking!
Hua Li: "He wants to go to Qi Continent as an exchange student, no, he will definitely go to Qi Continent as an exchange student!"
Indeed.
In the Composition Department group chat of East Art,
it was somewhat similar to the atmosphere in Qin Art's Composition Department group.
However, the mentors and professors of East Art were feeling entirely different at this moment. They did not experience the joy of discovering big news:
Qin Art's student is Xian Yu!

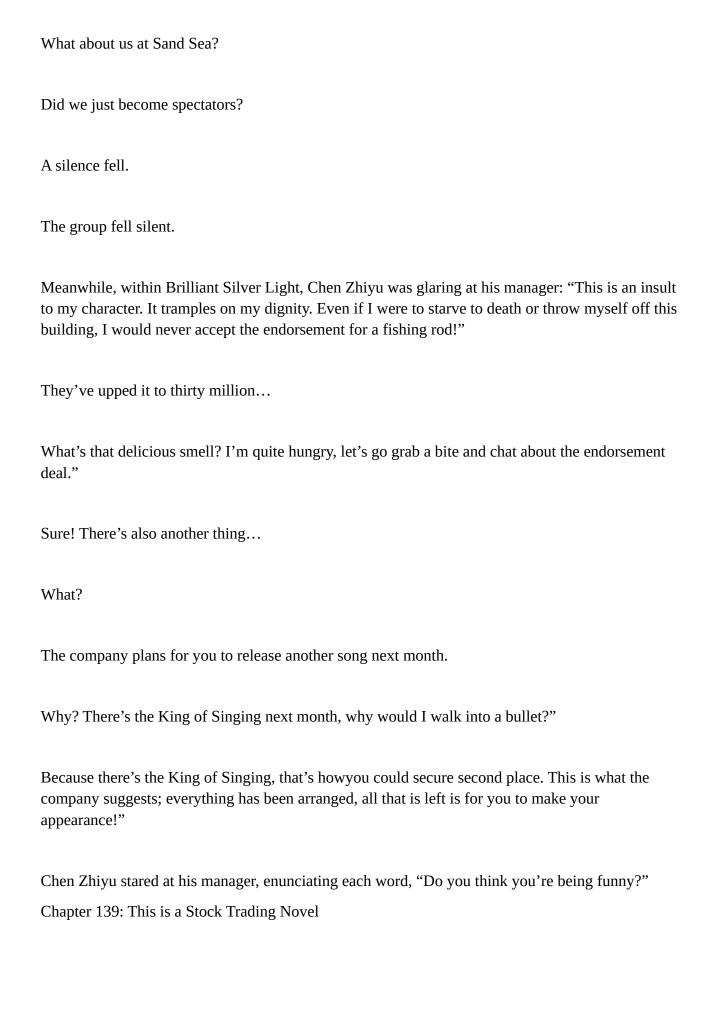
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Last time we even brought Zou Yu's works to challenge them???
How can Zou Yu compare with Xian Yu!
No, this is too embarrassing, let's not see those people from Qin Art again.
Qin Art set us up!"
The composition group of East Art is thrilled!
Zhang Wenwu quietly tags everyone: "Don't spread this around. It could affect our composition department's admission next year. It seems that Qin Art has concealed the news. They probably wanted to give Lin Yuan a quiet environment to work in. Let's just pretend that nothing happened."
Everyone: "
You have to admire Professor Zhang's smoothness, even guessing Qin Art's motives. But why did you drag us into your showdown last time? Couldn't you go alone?
For various reasons, both sides decided to keep things confidential at the same time. The bubble would eventually burst, but no one wanted to be the one to burst it.
And then comes the next day.
The industry was dumbfounded when Xian Yu topped the charts with "Initial Dream" while Chen Zhiyu took the second place; everyone was laughing so hard they almost went crazy, especially over at Sand Sea. The group chat exploded once again, just like in June!
Chen Zhiyu: I look up at the sky, why are there only fish?

His name seems to be Lin Yuan?



What?
Everyone was stunned.
The person shared several screenshots in the group: "Chen Zhiyu is trending number one on Tribe, he's on the front news headlines, and most popular meme on the internet today is still Chen Zhiyu. I just got a tip-off, a company is offering twenty million for Chen Zhiyu to endorse a fishing rod!"
Why a fishing rod?
Obviously for fishing, nobody is better at fishing than Chen Zhiyu. This isn't the point though! The point is the endorsement fee! Twenty million! Chen Zhiyu has never been worth this much before!"
Chen Zhiyu, he's popular?
The Perennial Runner-up, popular?
What kind of world is this!
The chatter in the group went haywire instantly. Everyone was shocked. It's definitely good that Starlight is schooling Brilliant Silver Light!
But the issue is
Now Chen Zhiyu's popularity exploded!
Trending all over the internet!
It turns out that it's not Starlight schooling Brilliant Silver Light; it's Brilliant Silver Light and Starlight both ended up winning!?



The competition in Qin Continent's music scene is brutally harsh.
In this survival of the fittest environment, people only remember the victors, but the arrival of Chen Zhiyu breaks this rule, as he is known as the perennial runner-up
Has he broken out of the pack?
As a result, all sorts of endorsements and activities suddenly poured in unceasingly, and Chen Zhiyu immediately became a hot topic.
Forget about Sand Sea.
Even Starlight and Dazzling Silver Glow didn't expect it.
Between the fiercely fought "big three", there's unexpectedly an opportunity for peaceful development and mutual winning?
It seemed like an intense fight on both sides.
Is this the result?
Are they sharing their pain?
Sand Sea is really angry.
You guys should keep fighting!
Hit harder! See that drill bit? Pick it up and hit each other's heads. You won't kill each other this way!
But when all is said and done.

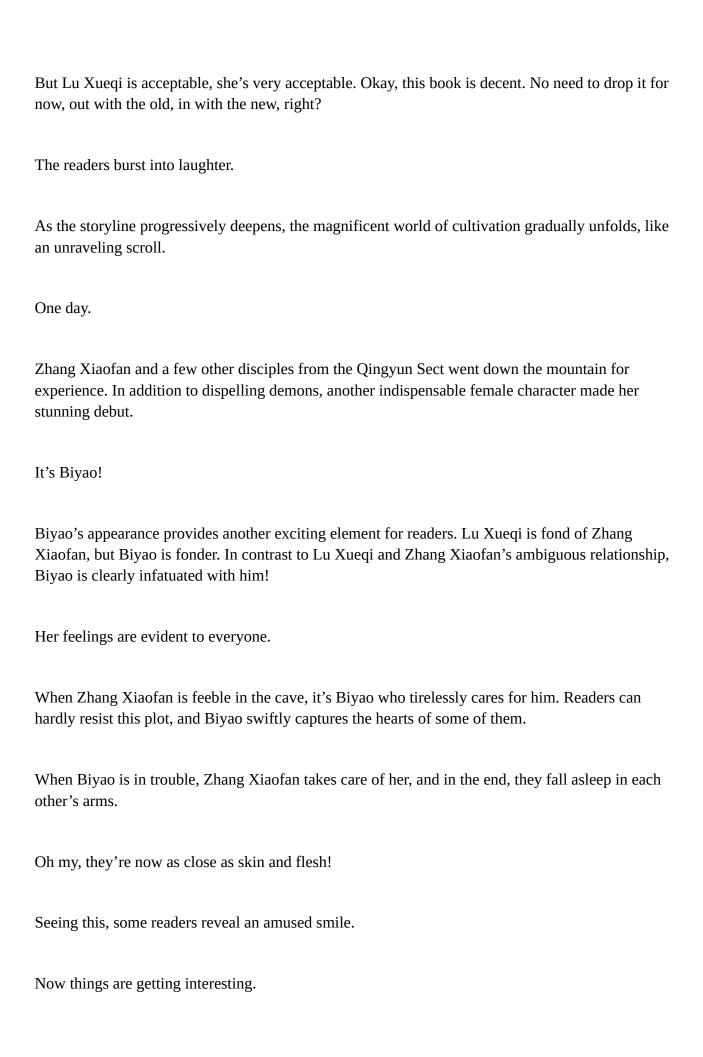


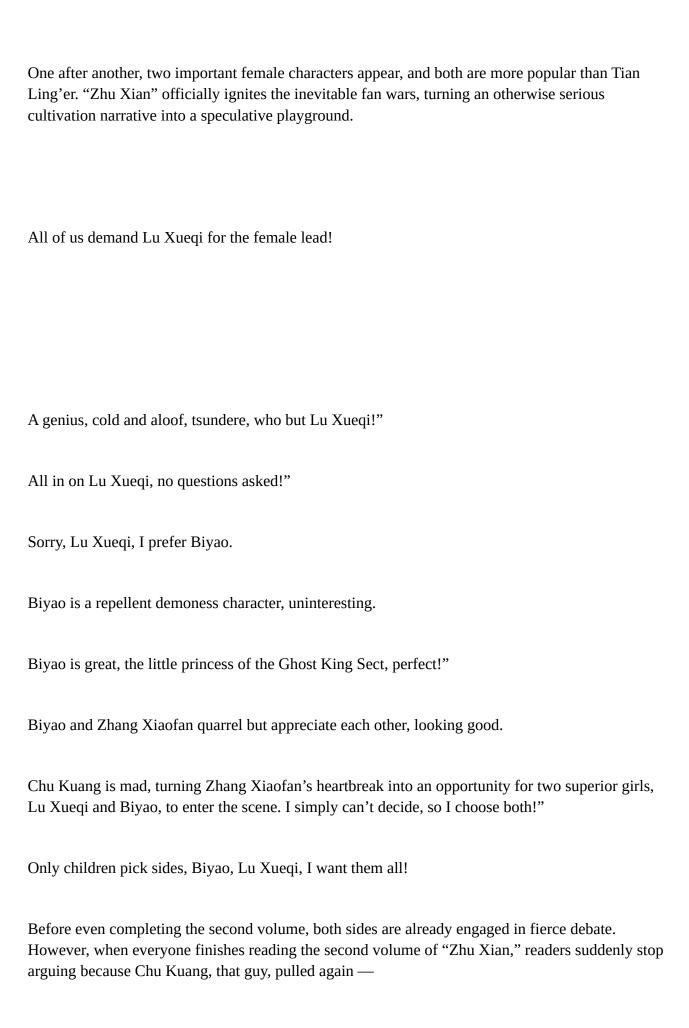
Jian Yi retracts again: "Never mind, I disturbed you. The group owner has initiated a group-wide mute Jian Yi is the group owner, at least in this small group, he's the king! Some people seem to be songwriters on the surface, but behind the scenes, they're authors. This sunny August. There was something else that was closely related to Lin Yuan. Over at Silver Blue Books, the second volume of "Zhu Xian" has been published! The readers have finally gotten to the eagerly awaited Seven-Sect Martial Arts Contest of Qingyun Sect! Many people started reading it as soon as they got the book. To everyone's surprise, Zhang Xiaofan didn't win first place in the contest. However, Zhang Xiaofan still managed to make it into the top four thanks to his outstanding performance. But none of this mattered anymore. Because what the readers cared about the most in the Seven-Sect Martial Arts Contest wasn't Zhang Xiaofan's ranking, but his loveline. Zhang Xiaofan, heartbroken. His childhood friend, who was also his senior sister, has fallen for one of the senior brothers of Qingyun Sect, and she's even defying her father's will just to be with him.

This scene deeply hurt Zhang Xiaofan. Many readers also felt choked up, even feeling a little bitter, because in the first volume of "Zhu Xian", many readers thought that the senior sister, Tian Ling'er, would be the main female character. Now the main female lead is gone? Chu Kuang is just floating away. Should we just abandon this novel? But soon, everyone found a more potential female lead, who was the genius female disciple of Qingyun Sect, the dream lover of countless people in the sect, a woman who was like a banished immortal: Lu Xueqi! Lu Xueqi is a female character who catches the reader's eyes from the start. This girl not only boasts better looks than Tian Ling'er, but also wields greater strength. Although her personality seems cold, it's evident between the lines that she has something special for Zhang Xiaofan. The readers feel this special bond profoundly. This is the sense of immersion one gets from reading novels. When such a character appears, readers instinctively associate her with being the female lead. Tian Ling'er stands no chance now. Even if Chu Kuang decided to change his mind now, making Tian Ling'er fall in love with Zhang Xiaofan, readers just wouldn't buy it.

The reason though quite banal.

Who doesn't have a bit of psychological cleanliness, right?





A! Cliffhanger!
The plot pauses at the Full Moon Ancient Well section. This well, being 3000 years old, legend has it that anyone who peers into it on a full moon night, with a sincere heart, can see the person they desire the most.
At full moon.
Zhang Xiaofan gazes into the ancient well.
Who does he see in the ancient well during the full moon? Who exactly is the person he genuinely yearns for in his heart?
Is it Biyao?
Lu Xueqi?
Or TianLing'er?
No matter how much the readers pore over the book, the answer remains elusive, because the second volume ends here.
The novel coldly concludes with the line, "To find out what happens next, stay tuned."
Chu Kuang, how could you be so skilled!
This act is even more shameful than running an ad during the climax of a TV series. The author deserves to be burned at the stake on a pillar of disgrace!

This is infuriating!

Readers vent their anger and frustration.

Only a cliffhanger could unite the Biyao and Xue Qi factions.
Let's temporarily put aside our differences and focus our ridicule on Chu Kuang.
Someday, with a sword in hand —
We'll slay all those authors who leave us hanging! Chapter 140: Villa
Lin Yuan also noticed the book discussion on the internet.
This was as he expected.
As one of the three exceptional novels of the early network novel era dubbed by netizens, it was not surprising that "Zhu Xian" had such a heated topic.
This could also be seen in the sales.
When "King of the Net" was serialized, its average sales rank was about eleventh in the field of youth fantasy novels in the Qin Continent!
However, the sales of "Zhu Xian" in the first month of release rushed into the top ten of the youth fantasy readers!
It is currently ranked tenth.
Some people might find it weird, why does the author write "Zhu Xian" so hyped, but the ranking is only tenth?
In fact, this ranking is already incredibly high.
Because "Zhu Xian" has a major flaw, that is, the word count!

The previous "King of the Net" at least produced five volumes.
But the book "Zhu Xian" is only in its second volume!
Each volume sold is counted as a sale of the novel.
Others have dozens of volumes of past serialized content to help boost sales, but Lin Yuan only has so much content to sell, of course the sales will suffer.
And if a novel's plot remains consistent
More often than not, the more words a work has, the higher its sales volume, because the work's influence will affect more and more people over time.
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The same is true for the sales of novels in the Qin Continent.
You're trying to compete with those who sell volumes of content, with just one or two volumes?
How can you compare?
It's naturally a disadvantage.
This is also why Silver Blue Books previously wanted to persuade Lin Yuan to write "King of the Net" longer.
If "King of the Net" could be written longer without compromising the plot, it would have no major problem becoming one of the top ten bestsellers in the future.
Of course.
As long as Chu Kuang does not fail in his writing, the sales ranking of "Zhu Xian" will inevitably go up once more volumes accumulate, this is a matter of course.
This time.
Silver Blue Books has high hopes.
"YangFeng" even asked Chu Kuang for a novel outline plan when "Zhu Xian" Volume II was released, whimsically thinking that the grand background of this story wouldn't end so soon, right?
But when "YangFeng" saw the "Zhu Xian" outline plan sent by Lin Yuan, his smile instantly froze.
"Eight volumes?"
Chu Kuang plans to write "Zhu Xian" in eight volumes?



Lin Yuan had no other options.
This time it wasn't the System messing things up, the original "Zhu Xian" had just over 1.5 million words, and the System even helped him add another 100,000 words.
Next time.
Definitely next time.
He hoped that the System would have a moment of conscience and provide him with a long novel next time, preferably one that would allow him to serialise it to ten million words.
However, for Lin Yuan.
Writing more books also has its benefits.
Because now, Chu Kuang, his pseudonym, has two novels earning money together.
It's not that "King of the Net" won't be popular after it's completed.
New readers will still buy books, but the number of these new readers is surely not comparable to the serialisation period.
This share of the profit, Silver Blue Books is still ready to pay on time.
With this money.
Combined with the royalties from the songs under Xian Yu's name, there are already an extra 20 million deposits in Lin Yuan's bank account!
Twenty million!

House prices on Blue Star are not exaggerated. A price of nearly 20 million is enough for Lin Yuan to choose a pretty nice villa.

Lin Yuan is even considering whether to buy a villa in Su City?

With his character, of course, it's hard to make such a decision, but if it's for his family, Lin Yuan is willing to consider this.

After all, in the future, his sisters will be in Su City.

Perhaps, he will also develop long-term in Su City in the future.

Not to mention, Lin Yuan also has the idea of bringing his mother to Su City. He doesn't want to leave his mother alone in his hometown.

When she gets older, without her children by her side, she will inevitably feel lonely.

Moreover, Lin Yuan also has his own friends. In the future, when his friends come over, they can have a place to stay. With many rooms in the villa, there is no fear of crowding.

As a child, they were all afraid of being squeezed.

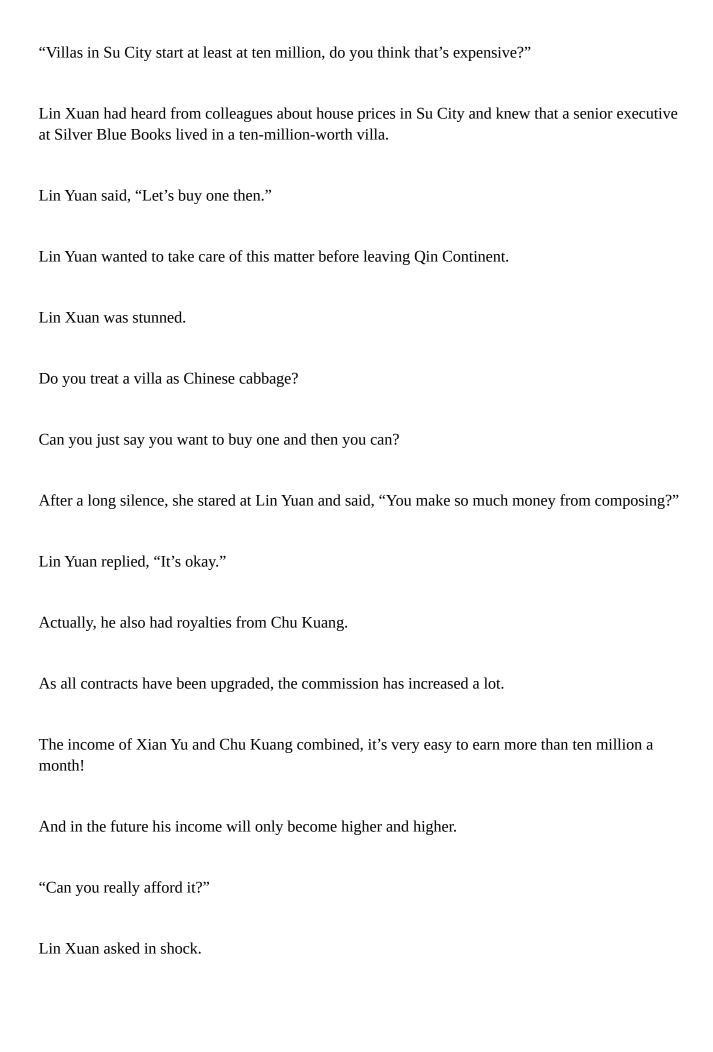
Mainly now he has always been living in Ms. Zhao's house. She didn't even collect the rent, so Lin Yuan felt a bit embarrassed about bringing his family here to live.

Now that he has money, it's better to buy a house sooner and return Ms. Zhao's place.

He simply mentioned this idea to his older sister.

"Buy a villa?"

Upon hearing this, Lin Xuan started laughing: "Of course it would be nice to live in a villa, who wouldn't want to? But we can't afford to buy one, can we?" "Are villas in Su City very expensive?"



It seemed, it might really be possible?
She suddenly felt that her own brother was the biggest obstacle in her life!
With such a brother, she couldn't find a reason why she needed to strive.
"Let's settle then."
Lin Yuan didn't ask for his mother's opinion again. If his mother had a comment, he could push it onto his sister.
Lin Xuan was a bit stunned: "Settled?"
Lin Yuan nodded: "Sister, let's take a leave of absence from your work tomorrow, and we can go house hunting together."

Suddenly, Lin Xuan remembered that Lin Yuan had casually given her 500,000 to buy a car...