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Chapter 56: Husky

What a rarity!

The mediocre at best “Balloon” managed to trigger listeners’ competitive imitation and challenge with its unusual introductory melody...

And even made it to the hot search list?

If Zhao Jue missed such a golden opportunity, then he might as well give up his role as Starlight’s leading agent.

Without any second thought, he escalated the heat on the hot search list.

The trend of the Balloon Challenge, triggered spontaneously by the public, usually died down quickly. However, if the celebrities from Starlight also got involved, the challenge would undoubtedly spur on their fans, inducing a wider range of followers and imitators, thereby extending the high heat rating of the topic...

The result was just as Zhao Jue had predicted.

With the participation of celebrities, the heat of the Balloon Challenge really started to rise, attracting more and more people. It even rocketed up to fifth place in the hot search list!

Conversely,

In the February New Song Rankings, “Balloon” managed to advance one place, ranking 6th on the chart.

The industry immediately went into an uproar!

February was a deadly competition, where all the major companies were scraping and struggling for ranks on the chart. They all put out high-quality songs, not wanting to be left behind.

But who would have expected,

Starlight to release a song called “Balloon”.

This song amazingly topped the Tribe’s hot search list due to its challenging singing difficulty!

The strange thing about the song was that few people actually cared about whether it was good to listen to or not. All they cared about was if they could sing the first section in one breath, just like the original singer...

In terms of quality, “Balloon” didn’t dominantly surpass other songs on the chart.

The fact that this song became popular in February was entirely thanks to the “Balloon Challenge” on the hot search list!

Of course, this was related to the fact that it was the holiday season, and most people had more free time on their hands. Who would have bothered with this if they were busy?

When Jiang Kui received a call from her agent about the progress of her new song, she jumped straight out of her bed early in the morning, singing the melodically challenging “Balloon” in a cracked voice.

“Hot search, hot search, hot search!”

After calming down her excitement, she took out her phone and logged onto the Tribe, finding the “Balloon Challenge” topic on the hot search list.

“Haha!”

The feeling of making it to the hot search list for the first time in her life was a bit strange for Jiang Kui. Although the star of the hot search was the “Balloon” and not herself, rounding up it was almost equivalent to herself making it to the hot search list.

There were several video recommendations under the topic.

Jiang Kui picked one with relatively high praise to watch.

The video was shot by a female anchor and edited meticulously. The introductory collage depicted the female anchor practicing different sports to improve her lung capacity.

After finishing this series of sports,

The female anchor, despite lacking any visible muscles, defiantly asked her companion in front of the camera, “Ready?”

The companion nodded seriously.

Then the female anchor took a deep breath and suddenly started singing to her companion’s piano accompaniment: “Red, white, black, yellow, purple, green, blue, grey, yours, mine, his, hers, big, small, round, flat, good, bad, pretty, ugly...”

She couldn’t go on.

Jiang Kui understood as soon as she heard it.

As expected, the female anchor in the video couldn’t continue singing.

In the end, she could hardly make any sound, as if she was out of breath. All she could do was to repeatedly wave her hand, saying,

“No, no, I can’t keep up.”

The last shot of the video showed the crestfallen female anchor and her companion sitting on chairs, and the screen was crossed off with a large caption:

“Balloon Challenge failed!”

The Tribe's comment section for this video had already received tens of thousands of comments, with netizens queuing up to leave messages:

“Anchor, you have weak kidneys.”

“Another person with weak kidneys, verification completed.”

Then someone unaware asked, “Why say the anchor has weak kidneys?”

The answer below was deadly serious, “Don't you all know? Research by experts has shown that those who can't sing the first verse of 'Balloon' without stumbling are categorized as having weak kidneys.”

“What the hell?”

Jiang Kui laughed her head off.

The ridiculous link between lung capacity and kidney deficiency; the hilarious netizens of the Tribe were indeed the source of happiness.

After the laughter, Jiang Kui suddenly felt a bit philosophical.

She had once again experienced how amazingly talented Teacher Admirable Fish was. Who would have thought that “Balloon” could still make such a hit, even in the deadly competition group.

The February New Song Ranking stimulated the nerves of a multitude of people.

Some of the Internet media in Qin Continent would naturally not miss the topic about the Balloon Challenge on the Tribe, such as “Entertainment Citizen”.

This was an entertainment show.

The show's host was a very popular bald man: "I woke up this morning and saw this really hot Balloon Challenge on the Tribe. I was completely taken aback; I even thought it was about jumping off a hot air balloon. Only when I clicked in did I realize it was a song, 'Red, blue, green, black...'. My goodness, I can't remember the lyrics, but I did count specially, there are 56 words just in the opening line of this song!"

Having said this,

The show played Jiang Kui's original first verse.

After playing the song, the bald host laughed: "I have a friend who is a music broadcaster. He sings really well, and he told me that all the live streaming comments were asking him to sing 'Balloon'. But he couldn't get through the first line no matter what. He struggled for half an hour, thinking he would lose some fans, but surprisingly, he gained ten thousand followers. It's just like this song, utterly weird."

The bald host, a witty and hilarious talker,

soon mentioned the entire February chart: "We all know that every year, February and December are deadly competitions, because many top-tier singers release songs during these two seasons. This year is no exception. As many as twelve top-tier singers share the stage, and the competition is extremely tough. Let me show you the chart..."

Following his words, the show displayed a special "chart".

It was a vivid depiction of a wolf pack in the style of a comic strip.

Each wolf had the name of a song written on its body, from left to right, representing their respective ranks in February.

But at sixth place in the wolf pack,

surprisingly, it was a cute Husky hidden among the wolves.

Written on the Husky's forehead were two words, "Balloon"!

At this moment, countless viewers watching the show burst out laughing.

This picture vividly illustrated the February rankings.

Because apart from Jiang Kui, all the top ten in February were formidable A-list singers!

Being able to exist on the same list with these A-listers, and even at a relatively high position, Jiang Kui, as a newcomer to the industry, was just like the Husky that snuck into a wolf pack in the anime, wasn't she?

At the end of the show,

The bald host stated thoughtfully: “‘Balloon’ brings us lots of joy, but while singing this song, I found that the oxygen in my lungs gets less and less until I can't breathe at all, just like a balloon, from inflated to deflated. I guess this might be the meaning that Admirable Fish wanted to express through this song.”

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Lin Yao was also watching “Entertainment Citizen”.

As the sister of Lin Yuan, she was well aware that her brother was Admirable Fish, and naturally paid more attention to any related news.

Like her current curiosity about the bald host's summary: “Brother, is that what you really mean?”

Lin Yuan replied, “That depends on whether this song will end up as a test question..”