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Chapter 631 The Legend of Wukong is on Fire

"What a talent Yi An is, and what a masterpiece 'The Legend of Wukong'!"

Li Zhenghui's heart was stirred, this was a newly released work.

Li Zhenghui noted that this book hadn't gained much attention yet, there were no comments in the comment section, and the amount of recommendations and clicks were pitifully low.

Chances were, he was one of the first, if not the first, reader.

Suddenly, Li Zhenghui felt an odd sense of pride.

At the same time, he felt that he should do something.

Such a splendid Journey to the West fan fiction, he must let more people see it, he must help promote this novel.

Even though Li Zhenghui knew:

Even if he doesn't promote it, people will gradually find this excellent novel.

With this in mind.

Li Zhenghui entered a chat group named the Journey to the West Chat Group.

The group was filled with Journey to the West fans.

"I have an excellent Journey to the West fan fiction to recommend, 'The Legend of Wukong', you could find it by searching in the 'Fanfiction Library', this novel is truly exhilarating, reading it will get your blood boiling!"

Li Zhenghui sent this message.

The members of the group quickly noticed this information.

"Really?"

"I'll check it out."

"There aren't any good Journey to the West fan fictions."

"Although I'm a Journey to the West fan, let's be honest, the Journey to the West fan fictions in 'Fanfiction Library' are far worse than those from The Primordial Chaos."

"Ol' Li better not be fooling me."

"But Ol' Li's recommendation should be reliable."

"Out of respect for Ol' Li, I'll check it out."

"..."

Li Zhenghui had some relevance in the group, many members were familiar with him.

After seeing this message, some members, out of curiosity, started to read 'The Legend of Wukong'.

The moment they started, they couldn't stop!

At around three in the afternoon.

The small group of Journey to the West enthusiasts was suddenly abuzz!

"What the hell!"

"The 'Legend of Wukong' recommended by Ol' Li is amazing, the author depicted Journey to the West in a whole new light!"

"This Journey to the West fan fiction is absolutely thrilling, it's a perfect rendition that completely overturns the original, while also adhering to its spirit!"

"Who is this Yi An, his interpretation of Journey to the West is profound!"

"It's so well written, even the most famous The Primordial Chaos fan fictions don't pack as much punch as 'The Legend of Wukong!'"

"I cried while reading it..."

"I feel so sad for the Monkey King after reading."

"At first, I was confused by the romantic plot, but after reading, I was shocked, Journey to the West could really be interpreted this way!"

"..."

Several group members who read 'The Legend of Wukong' due to Li Zhenghui's recommendation were deeply engrossed.

The other members didn't have much interest in 'The Legend of Wukong' at first, but after seeing those rave reviews from the early readers, their curiosity was immensely piqued.

They quickly caught up!

After a brief exchange of words with those that had read the story and strongly recommended it, more and more group members started reading the novel.

Meanwhile.

Other ordinary readers in the 'Fanfiction Library', just like Li Zhenghui, gradually came across 'The Legend of Wukong'.

With the influx of some readers, the once silent comment section finally became lively!

"My god, this book is absolutely incredible, the author is off the charts!"

"I casually picked a few Journey to the West fan fictions in the 'Fanfiction Library', and accidentally found a masterpiece!"

"Did I just discover a hidden gem?"

"Congratulations to the readers who opened this book, you've discovered a masterpiece!"

"Ah ah ah! This book is mind-blowing! The interpretation of the original Journey to the West and the supplementary love scenes added in the second creation are absolutely fantastic!"

"The deference in the Heavenly Court, the hierarchy among immortals, the blood and flesh of the Holy Peak, those compulsions, those despairs, those regrets, those ideals. It resonates with us all. Seeing the struggles of the cast of characters in Journey to the West, it feels like seeing our own reflections.

Just as the author lamented at the end, as a fan of Journey to the West, how can we forget Journey to the West."

"The opening with the pig character already had me teary, not to mention Sun Wukong and Master Golden Cicada, along with other characters. The simple prose, almost jesting sentences, but hiding behind them is a story heavy as a thousand pounds.

It's as if effortless and humorous, yet narrating changes as vast as the sea, the more you read the more stifling it gets, and the colder your heart turns – Yi An is incredible!"

"Halfway through reading, I got goosebumps, it's such a great fan fiction. A tip for you guys, play Xian Yu's song 'Wukong' while reading this book, it enhances the experience!"

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At this point, a reader suggested in the comment section:

"This novel is so well written, but it seems like the author is a newcomer, not yet famous, let's help spread the word?"

"Let's go!"

"I'll announce it in the community."

"I've already posted it on my Moments!"

"I'll go and advertise it in some popular Journey to the West fan fictions."

"Then I'll promote it on my blogs."

"Don't forget the major Journey to the West forums!"

"It's rare for Journey to the West to get such a good fan fiction, we must promote it dutifully!"

"..."

From one to ten, ten to hundred.

A spark can start a prairie fire.

When the first batch of readers of 'The Legend of Wukong' started promoting the novel spontaneously, the influence quickly began to spread.

Even more people, hooked by the random recommendations they came across, clicked into 'The Legend of Wukong', and then naturally joined the ever-growing promotion army.

By the time it was night.

There was already a considerable number of readers who had read 'The Legend of Wukong'.

As the novel wasn't long and the text wasn't obscure, it was easy to understand. Even if it was read in one go, it would take just a few hours.

As per the innate human nature to share, the promotion army for 'The Legend of Wukong' grew significantly!

Some well-known book bloggers also noticed 'The Legend of Wukong'.

"Is there someone behind the scenes?"

With so many promotions of 'The Legend of Wukong' appearing online, it was hard for book bloggers not to think in this direction.

But the effect was obvious.

Those book bloggers also read 'The Legend of Wukong' with a skeptical mindset.

One by one.

Several book bloggers voiced their opinions:

"A fan recommended me a Journey to the West fan fiction called 'The Legend of Wukong' this morning, after reading it, I felt like I was on fire. I highly recommend it to you all, I won't spoil anything, but I can say this: the interpretation and explanation of Journey to the West in this novel will definitely shock you!"

"Because of 'The Legend of Wukong', Journey to the West fans seemed to have hit a high today. For those who haven't read it yet, I recommend you to go to the 'Fanfiction Library' to check it out, it's the most fascinating fan fiction I've ever read."

"As a Journey to the West fan, you may not know who Yi An is, but you can't not know 'The Legend of Wukong'!"

"I've always thought the Journey to the West fan fictions were a notch below those of The Primordial Chaos, but after reading 'The Legend of Wukong', suddenly, even the most explosive ones from The Primordial Chaos seem to pale in comparison."

"Writing Journey to the West with a theme of sadness and despair, showcasing the cruel beauty exquisitely, I love 'The Legend of Wukong'!"

"..."

As a result.

After a day's fermentation, the popularity of 'The Legend of Wukong' finally blew up!

Chapter 632: Song Selection for the 3rd Season

The next day.

Lin Yuan opened his computer to find that "The Legend of Wukong" was trending!

Only after reading the comment section did he understand why.

Surprisingly, there had been organic promotion.

It seemed that he didn't need to think of other ways to publicize "The Legend of Wukong".

Looking at the comments again.

Lin Yuan smiled.

One comment read:

"After reading 'The Legend of Wukong', I look forward to the 'Journey to the West' TV series even more. Even if they air at the same time, now I am no longer worried about whether to watch 'The Primordial Chaos' TV series first. As it turns out, I still like Monkey the most."

This was exactly why Lin Yuan wrote "The Legend of Wukong".

He wanted to compete for the audience with "The Primordial Chaos"!

And the existence of "The Legend of Wukong" would surely make Sun Wukong's popularity rise even more!

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After reading "The Legend of Wukong".

Who wouldn't feel pity for that proud monkey?

But when this "Journey to the West" fanfiction went viral, fans of "The Primordial Chaos" felt a bit sour.

There were countless fanfictions of "The Primordial Chaos" in the "Fanfiction Library".

But none of them had ever reached the popularity of "The Legend of Wukong".

Facing such a behemoth as "The Primordial Chaos", Monkey seemed to be even more invincible and formidable.

This novel also sparked a new wave of interpretation on Journey to the West among its fans —

This time, the discussions were all centered on the assertions made in "The Legend of Wukong".

Some agreed with the novel's viewpoints:

Others thought the interpretations were too dark;

But regardless of whether they agreed with the interpretations of "Journey to the West" in "The Legend of Wukong", it didn't prevent everyone from appreciating this novel.

It was simply stunning.

So, Yi An, a little-known author until yesterday, gained some fame today.

This could be seen from the fact that not long after Lin Yuan registered Yi An's Tribe account, he gained millions of followers.

"Followed, Teacher Yi An truly understands 'Journey to the West'!"

"I especially like Teacher Yi An's interpretation of 'Journey to the West'!"

"No fanfiction of 'Journey to the West' will ever surpass 'The Legend of Wukong' in the future."

"I tried to search, and sure enough there is a Tribe account, I quietly followed the big shot."

"..."

The comments were all from fans who had just started following Yi An.

In terms of scale, Yi An certainly could not compete with Chu Kuang and the Admirable Fish, and even Shadow's popularity was enough to crush Yi An.

But Lin Yuan was already very satisfied.

The previous three pseudonyms had too many excellent works, and Yi An, with only "The Legend of Wukong", was of course not enough.

There was still a long way to go in the future.

After thinking about it, Lin Yuan followed Chu Kuang, Admirable Fish, and Shadow with Yi An's account.

After all, he might analyze the works of these three pseudonyms in the future, so he might as well look like a fan.

However, he didn't follow them back using those three pseudonyms.

Noticing the three people Yi An followed, the comment section had quite a few jokes:

"It turns out that Teacher Yi An is also a fan of the Three Bros!"

"What a pity that Chu Kuang, the old rascal, didn't follow back."

"I wonder what Chu Kuang, the old rascal, thinks of 'The Legend of Wukong'."

"The old rascal Chu Kuang: Isn't Yi An thinking too much?"

"The old rascal Chu Kuang: So my 'Journey to the West' has such a deep intention?"

"Even with 'The Legend of Wukong' trending, Chu Kuang doesn't show any intention to follow Yi An back."

"..."

It could be seen from the comments:

Netizens had no clue about the special relationship that might exist between Yi An and the Three Bros.

This made Lin Yuan breathe a sigh of relief.

For now, Yi An had completed his mission.

This pseudonym could rest for now.

Lin Yuan had other things to do next.

Mainly because Tong Shuwen, the director of the music variety show "Our Song", suddenly contacted Lin Yuan:

"Teacher Admirable Fish, did you watch last night's battle for the top four?"

"Yes, I did."

Lin Yuan answered.

Even though he was no longer participating in "Our Song", Lin Yuan still cared about the follow-up competitions of the show.

Basically, he found the time to watch every episode, including the battle for the top four that Tong Shuwen mentioned.

The competition was broadcast last night, not long after Lin Yuan had uploaded "The Legend of Wukong", so he watched that episode.

The competition determined the top four singers, who were Fei Yang, Shu Yu, Liang Ziyuan, and...

Jiang Kui!

Fei Yang and Shu Yu were respectively the Overlord and the Swan in "The Masked Singer".

It was perfectly normal for these two to make it to the final four.

However, the fact that Liang Ziyuan and Jiang Kui made it to the finals surprised many.

Liang Zi Yuan was the Robot in "The Masked Singer" and hadn't made it to the top four in that competition.

As for Jiang Kui, she was the only singer who wasn't a King of Singing or Queen of Singing among the final four.

Her reaching the final four this time made more people believe that Jiang Kui had the chance to become a young Queen of Singing!

"As long as you saw it."

Tong Shuwen chuckled, "For the next episode, it's the semi-finals and finals. The singers choose their own songs for the finals, but for the semi-finals, we gave them the right to choose their own composers, and one of the singers chose you."

"Who?"

"Jiang Kui."

Lin Yuan wasn't surprised, "So, I just need to write her a semi-final song?"

Tong Shuwen chuckled, "Yes, and also, Fei Yang chose to collaborate with composer Teacher Yin Dong, Shu Yu chose composer Teacher Ye Zhiqiu, Liang Ziyuan chose composer Teacher Wu Long..."

Lin Yuan was surprised, "No one chose Teacher Yang?"

Tong Shuwen sighed, "Shu Yu originally wanted to select Teacher Yang Zhongming, but he did not have time."

No time?

Lin Yuan nodded, "I see."

Tong Shuwen laughed, "So please come to the music hall tomorrow, rehearse with the singer, the program will be officially broadcast on March 1st."

"March 1st?"

A thought struck Lin Yuan.

He was originally planning to release "To Alice" for the charts on March 1st.

But now it seems, why not directly give Jiang Kui a song that she could use for the March charts?

It could also ride the wave of "Our Song"'s finals.

In this case, "To Alice" would not be needed for now.

So, what kind of song should he give to Jiang Kui?

After the call, Lin Yuan fell into thought.

Two minutes later, Lin Yuan's phone rang again.

Lin Yuan answered.

On the other end was the voice of Jiang Kui, "Teacher Admirable Fish, I would like to choose you as my partner for the next episode..."

"I know."

"You agreed?"

"Yes."

"Thank you, Teacher Admirable Fish!"

There was a hint of excitement in Jiang Kui's voice.

Lin Yuan used the opportunity to ask, "What kind of song do you want?"

"Huh?"

Jiang Kui seemed to have never considered this question, and timidly said, "Whatever you give, I will sing..."

"You choose."

"I don't know."

Jiang Kui was a bit at a loss. Who writes songs like this?

Seeing that Lin Yuan was silent, she became a bit nervous and tentatively said:

"Something sweet?"

Lin Yuan paused, then said, "See you tomorrow."

He already knew what to choose.

It would be a sweet song.

Jiang Kui's voice singing this type of song might just bring out the effect Lin Yuan wanted.

Chapter 633 Half-step Maestro

The next day.

Lin Yuan arrived at the concert hall.

Jiang Kui was already waiting in Lin Yuan's Pink Room early on.

Even though Lin Yuan hadn't been in the program team for a long time, the team still kept the Pink Room.

"Good morning, Teacher Admirable Fish!"

As soon as Lin Yuan entered the room, Jiang Kui hastily stood up.

"Morning."

After greeting, Lin Yuan got straight to the point: "How's your English coming along?"

"I can do it!"

Jiang Kui subconsciously answered loudly, only realizing her excitement after she spoke, "I've been studying English all this time, and I think my level is pretty good right now..."

It's no wonder that Jiang Kui is excited.

The main reason is that Chen Zhiyu's English rendition of "Farewell Kiss" has recently been trending.

Even though the singers under the Yu Dynasty, like Jiang Kui, don't express their feelings outwardly, they have been internally filled with envy and jealousy.

After all, it was Admirable Fish's first English song.

Now that everyone knows of Admirable Fish's intentions to write more English songs in the future, the atmosphere for learning English in the Yu Dynasty is pretty intense. They're all silently competitive, internally hoping to seize the next opportunity.

If they don't learn English well, they can't seize the opportunities even if they are right in front of them.

"Take a look at this song."

Lin Yuan took out the sheet music he'd prepared.

When Jiang Kui looked at the sheet music, it was the English song she has been practicing recently!

Her English studies weren't in vain!

Feeling a bit excited, Jiang Kui subconsciously read out the title of the song on the sheet music:

"God is a girl?"

Could it be translated as "God is a Girl"?

Or "The Divinity is a Maiden"?

Lin Yuan said, "This is what you wanted, a sweet song."

God is a girl.

Just the phrase itself sounds sweet.

Well, at least that's what Lin Yuan believes.

"..."

After a brief silence, Jiang Kui couldn't help but smile sweetly:

"Oh, how sweet!"

She doesn't feel the song is that sweet, but she herself is truly delighted, as if she just ate some candy.

She's the second singer in the Yu Dynasty who has received an English song from Teacher Admirable Fish!

"Ok."

Lin Yuan said, "You should be able to get familiar with the song before the competition."

"No problem!"

Jiang Kui immediately responded with determination.

Lin Yuan nodded, "Then go practice."

As for whether Jiang Kui could master the song, Lin Yuan had no worries.

This song is quite simple in English. Even those who are not good at English songs could sing most of it fluently.

In terms of the difficulty level of English songs, this one is just somewhat more advanced than beginner level.

So why did they choose this song?

Of course, it's not just because this song is sweet...

The main reason is that this song will be a big hit on the charts!

Yes.

"God is a Girl" was once a super classic hit that swept across nations on Earth. Right after its release on Earth, it quickly topped international music charts, and the band that performed this song rose to fame due to this single work!

Furthermore.

This song also set a record for the highest downloads for the Celestial Dynasty's overseas music in 2006, and at the time, numerous individuals had this as their ringtone!

Charging up the charts!

Lin Yuan is serious about this!

After all, what other song could be more suitable for the stage than this type of rhythmically distinct music genre?

As the saying goes.

In pursuit of his twelfth consecutive title, Lin Yuan has been playing it safe, using songs that have already achieved great success.

Oh, right.

In Celestial Dynasty, Jocie Guo has also covered this song called "Goddess of Love".

An Yixuan also covered it, the song is called "Heavenly Fragrance".

Unfortunately, this song unlike "Farewell Kiss", doesn't translate well into both Mandarin and English.

You really need English lyrics to capture the essence of the song.

The Mandarin covers aren't famous, so Lin Yuan never considered making a Mandarin version of this song.

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Several days later.

Jiang Kui has now mastered the song "God is a Girl".

At this time.

The news that Admirable Fish will make an appearance at the final of "Our Song" was officially announced by the program team, attracting widespread attention!

"Great, finally there is a composer segment again!"

"So glad to see Fish Papa in the finals!"

"During the composer selection segment of the semi-finals, Jiang Kui indeed chose Admirable Fish. As the highest-powered singer in the Yu Dynasty, Jiang Kui is sure to bring out the full power of Fish Papa's songs!"

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"Come to think of it, if Jiang Kui nails a few more classics, she could seal her victory, right?"

"Holy crap, it seems so. Starting from 'The Masked Singer', Jiang Kui has already won more than one King of Singing. Moreover, her songs are still quite popular, and her popularity is growing thanks to two spin-offs."

"If Jiang Kui clinches the final, wouldn't Admirable Fish step closer to become a Maestro?"

"Have you been reading too many fantasy novels? What the hell is a half-step Maestro?"

"It really is a half-step Maestro. The easiest way to become a Maestro is to nurture two singers who rank as King or Queen of Singing. If Jiang Kui becomes a singing queen, then Admirable Fish

would already be half a Maestro. After all, all of Jiang's representative works are by Admirable Fish, which absolutely fits the standards of being promoted by Admirable Fish!"

"Oh my god!"

"Did Admirable Fish unknowingly become a real Maestro?"

"How old is he after all!"

"God, he might break the record of Wonder Lu and Blue Star for becoming the youngest Maestro?"

"..."

The conversation suddenly went off track.

Everyone went from anticipating the finals of "Our Song" to discussing when Admirable Fish would become a Maestro.

Some even planned the direction for Admirable Fish's progression to Maestro:

"If Fish Papa gives Jiang Kui the songs releasing this year, it will definitely help her clinch the title immediately."

"After Jiang Kui clinches the title, Fish Papa only needs to nurture another King or Queen of Singing to become a full-fledged Maestro."

"I suggest nurturing Yao Huo after Jiang Kui."

"Because Yao Huo is also a singer completely brought to fame by Admirable Fish, and although Yao Huo may not be as talented as Jiang Kui, his songs given by Fish Papa are the most popular."

"Admirable Fish becoming a Maestro, suddenly it all seems plausible and not too far."

"Fish Papa, the script is written, go for it!"

"..."

Though everyone called Admirable Fish "Maestro Junior" and knew he had the potential, they also knew:

There was still a long way to go before Admirable Fish could truly become a Maestro.

After all, his young age and lack of experience were limitations.

However, with the sudden rise of Jiang Kui, the Yu Dynasty's strongest singer, many people realized:

Admirable Fish has traversed nearly half of that long road.

It seems like he is gunning for the record of Blue Star's youngest Maestro ever!

Suddenly.

Everyone's focus returned to the competition of "Our Song".

Many people started to look forward to Jiang Kui's performance in the finals and her collaborative song with Admirable Fish.

Because everyone has realized:

With each step Jiang Kui takes towards the position of Queen of Singing, Admirable Fish steps closer to the position of Maestro!

At the end of February.

People were still unclear about which path Admirable Fish chose towards becoming a Maestro.

Everyone naturally assumed that Admirable Fish would take the simplest approach to become a Maestro.

After all, most of the recently made Maestros in the Blue Star followed this approach.

When March arrived, "Our Song" finally reached its last episode!

Chapter 634: Xian Yu's Mercy of Not Killing

"Hello to all our audience here on the scene and in front of the screen, welcome to the grand finale of 'Our Song'. Today will be the final round of this competition..."

March is officially upon us.

On the grand finale stage.

Host Anhong starts with enthusiasm.

The audience in the studio is lively. 'Our Song' is undoubtedly the current hit variety show. The finale has an undeniable attraction to the viewers, filling the studio and screens with an audience bursting with excitement!

"The final showdown is here!"

"Looking forward to Fish Papa's performance!"

"Fei Yang has the aura of an emperor!"

"Betting for Shu Yu to take the crown!"

"I like this show, sadly there are no singers from our Han Continent, so we don't get a chance to hear our English songs sung on this stage."

"..."

There are folks from Han commenting in the chat.

When Han Continent merged, 'Our Song' was already more than halfway through airing. Thus, many in Han had to catch up all at once. This is partly why some of Han knew of the impressive Admirable Fish.

But that's in the past.

The biggest regret Han people have watching this show now is that when the show began, Han Continent had not yet merged. Consequently, they could not listen to the English songs they were most familiar with. Instead, there have been numerous performances in Qi and Chu languages from singers from many regions.

"The first round has been determined."

An Hong smiled as he announced the pairings of the first round, "Our competition begins with the combination of Teacher Admirable Fish and singer Jiang Kui versus Teacher Wu Long and singer Liang Ziyuan!"

"Uff..."

Fei Yang finally let out a sigh of relief.

Luckily, he didn't run into Admirable Fish.

Then, Fei Yang heard someone else heave a massive sigh next to him. He turned to see Yin Dong, looking a bit strange.

"..."

Yin Dong still had a poker face.

As if nothing had happened.

Fei Yang seemed to understand something, and felt a sense of shared hardship.

Throughout the past competitive seasons when he faced off against Admirable Fish, Teacher Yin Dong came runners-up just as many times as he did. Now people on the internet refer to Teacher Yin Dong as the 'Perennial Runner-up' among the composers...

Fei Yang did not expose Yin Dong's faint sadness.

On the other hand, Wu Long and Liang Ziyuan seemed quite deflated, apparently not too thrilled about facing the combination of Admirable Fish and Jiang Kui.

On another side.

Ye Zhi Qiu had a smile on his face.

Glad he didn't run into Admirable Fish this time, let Wu Long headache over it.

Without realising.

Admirable Fish had become the big bad boss of this show.

Probably apart from Yang Zhongming, nobody dared to face off directly with Admirable Fish.

Noticing reactions from all sides, the online chat was laughing uproariously:

"If I haven't misunderstood, it looked like Daddy Yin had just breathed a sigh of relief. Has he been scared off by Admirable Fish?"

"See how happy our old man is."

"Wu Long seems to be losing his cool."

"Fish Papa has become the big bad boss."

"Without Daddy Yang, Fish Papa rules."

"Wu Long and Liang Ziyuan do have a chance to win, why not Wu Long call over Daddy Yang now?"

"Gasp!"

"..."

Amidst the viewer's lively discussion, the competition finally began.

The first one up was Jiang Kui.

Lin Yuan was sitting by the stage as a composer, supporting Jiang Kui.

"This is an English song." Continue reading on My Virtual Library Empire

Before beginning the song, Jiang Kui introduced it with a smile, "The song is called 'God is a Girl'."

Once these words were out.

The entire scene was stunned.

English song?

It is actually an English song!?

At that very moment.

In Han Continent.

Many Han people who were watching 'Our Song', had their eyes widened!

"Honey, come watch the show quickly!"

"Admirable Fish appears to have written another English song!"

Many in Han who were watching the show, were getting their friends to watch too.

Some Han people were even talking about it:

"I guess the song is just average."

"Why so?"

"If it's any good, Admirable Fish could have released it last month."

"True that."

"Anyhow this song can't be better than the English version of 'Farewell Kiss'."

"If this song is better than the English version of 'Farewell Kiss', then he could have just released it last month and we all would have had to kneel."

"Speaking of which, we do have to thank Admirable Fish."

"He is willing to compose an English song on this stage."

"..."

The mention of the English version of "Farewell Kiss" is still heart-stopping for many Han people.

Xian Yu, a Qin, was able to write such an English song, and it was indeed terrifying.

But the Han people didn't believe that Xian Yu could write a better song than "Take Me to Your Heart".

Not in this March, at least.

Otherwise, why did Xian Yu use "Take Me to Your Heart" in February's rankings?

Why didn't he just use an even better English song for the rankings?

And yet, as the Han people's thoughts varied...

On stage...

The music starts to rise.

A few beams of light shone at Jiang Kui's feet.

The girl lowered her head and her voice carried a hint of melancholy:

"Remembering me

discover and see All over the world

She's known as a girl to those who are free

The mind shall be key Forgotten as the past

Cause history will last"

...

At this moment!

Some Han people's faces have changed.

There's something wrong with this song!

The melody is too catchy.

It shouldn't be like this.

Listen again.

The climax is the soul of a song.

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On stage...

Jiang Kui's voice suddenly stopped.

Then...

She suddenly lifted her head!

Strong rhythm combined with a fast melody. The song immediately reached its climax:

"God is a girl

Wherever you are

do you believe it

can you receive it"

...

Continuous climax!

Endless melody!

Boom!

The Han people were stunned!

"How is this possible!"

"Better than 'Take Me to Your Heart'!"

"How come Xian Yu understands English music better than we Han people do!"

"I got goosebumps!"

"Why didn't Xian Yu release this song last month!"

"If he had released this song last month, we wouldn't have stood a chance!"

"Don't you get it?"

"Xian Yu was sparing our feelings last month!"

"He clearly had a better song than 'Take Me to Your Heart' but didn't use it, just to save us some face!"

"How could we Han people resent Xian Yu!"

"What a broad-minded person!"

"This is a truly virtuous and talented artist!"

"I admit, I'm completely impressed!"

"I am impressed too, Xian Yu is a god!"

"..."

The Han people were frightened!

If they hadn't known that this song was Xian Yu's new work, they would have thought it was the work of some top Maestro in Han Continent. Can you imagine if Xian Yu had released this song last month? The Han people would have been laughed at even more. He had even better songs on hand that he didn't even use!

From this perspective.

Xian Yu was clearly holding back last month!

At this moment.

On the internet!

A composer from the Han Continent, who was watching the show, suddenly posted a status on the Tribe:

"Thankful for Xian Yu's mercy!!!"

Suddenly, countless Han people followed suit——

"Thankful for Xian Yu's mercy!!!"

Chapter 635: He's Good at Comforting Girls

Not just the Han people.

The live scene of the variety show "Our Song" was entirely hyped up!

"This song is so good!"

The English songs written by Xian Yu are excellent!"

"The English version of 'Farewell Kiss' was already amazing, but I didn't expect Xian Yu to have even better songs!"

"Why do I feel Xian Yu knows English songs better than Han people?"

"Looks like Xian Yu was holding back against the Han last month."

"If he had brought out this song last month, he could have crushed the Han completely."

"No one understands the Han dialect better than Xian Yu, including the Han people!"

"I'm not usually into English songs, but this one by Xian Yu is exceptional, it's too good!"

...

Across from Lin Yuan.

Wu Long helplessly spreads his hands.

What the hell is there to compete with!

Liang Ziyuan beside him is utterly desolate.

Drawing Xian Yu in the lottery, this scene was already destined.

Not to mention their group.

Even the other two groups can't compete with this song!

Previously during "The Masked Singer", Wu Long had witnessed Xian Yu's stunning performances countless times.

This contest is just a continuation of "The Masked Singer".

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Online.

Audiences from all continents were furiously discussing in the live comments.

"This song is awesome!"

"I'm dying of laughter, the Han people are thanking Xian Yu!"

"Aren't the Han always proud?"

"You guys don't know, the Han may be haughty, but they also admire strength."

"Faced with opponents who are countless times stronger, the Han are humbler than anyone from Qin, Qi, Chu, Yan."

"Fish Papa is still kind, he was targeted by the Han last month, yet he didn't choose to eliminate them completely."

"This is called winning people over with virtue."

"After all, Fish Papa isn't the cold and ruthless Chu Kuang, he is more like a refined and courteous gentleman."

"So warming!"

"This is personality charm."

"Some Han people were unsatisfied after losing to the English version of 'Farewell Kiss', but now, they've all conceded."

...

The moment this song came out, not just the Han people.

Netizens from Qin, Qi, Chu, Yan all unanimously understood:

Xian Yu was merciful last month.

You should know.

The Han targeted Xian Yu quite a bit last month.

Yet Xian Yu didn't take it to heart, he only slightly taught them a lesson with the English version of 'Farewell Kiss'.

That's his character!

That's his breadth of spirit!

...

Jiang Kui's performance has finally ended.

There is thunderous applause on the scene.

The next round is the combination of Wu Long and Liang Ziyuan.

After all, he is the King of Singing.

Although Liang Ziyuan was under a lot of pressure, when he got on stage, he still delivered a perfect performance.

However, unluckily...

When Liang Ziyuan and Jiang Kui both performed excellently, it came down to the songs themselves.

If it comes to the song, obviously Xian Yu won.

The audience's voting also proved this point.

Ultimately.

In the first round of the semi-finals, Jiang Kui won and advanced to the next round.

Lin Yuan has nothing to do next.

After helping Jiang Kui in the semi-finals, the rest will depend on Jiang Kui.

However, Lin Yuan was still interested in watching the remaining competition.

In the second round, Shu Yu faces off against Fei Yang.

Surprisingly, Fei Yang, who once beat Shu Yu in "The Masked Singer", lost.

Such is competition.

Nothing is certain.

So...

Shu Yu meets Jiang Kui in the final.

Lin Yuan watched this final match with great interest.

Jiang Kui lost in the end.

However, her final score was not far behind Shu Yu.

Amidst the deafening applause of the audience, Shu Yu won the competition, marking the official end of "Our Song!"

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In the latter part of the show.

The season's leaderboard was in complete chaos.

Because just as Jiang Kui was singing "God Is a Girl" on stage, the song was also being released on all major music platforms!

Whoosh!

Soaring like a rocket.

Even though this song was released much later than the other songs in the March season's leaderboard, it didn't prevent "God Is a Girl" from topping the chart!

The mental state of the singers competing for the March season's chart was completely shattered!

"Why's it Admirable Fish again!"

"Isn't there any room for the rest of us!"

"Three seasons in a row with Admirable Fish!"

"The first two months had Admirable Fish, so I didn't dare release a song. I thought he'd take a break in the third season, but unexpectedly, he released another new song on the variety show!"

"Admirable Fish is going for the hat-trick."

"Could it be that he was dwelling on not getting the War of the Gods hat trick, so he decided to console himself with a hat trick over three seasons?"

"I should've released my song next month!"

"Admirable Fish wouldn't continue releasing songs next month, would he?"

"..."

There are only twelve seasons in a year.

Admirable Fish alone dominated three of them.

Not to mention singers.

Even some of the maestros couldn't handle it.

Now that the five continents of Qin, Qi, Chu, Yan and Han are merging, almost every month there would be a maestro making a move, except for some special cases.

But with the presence of this Fish, neither the maestros nor the singers could reach the top.

Everyone could only pin their hopes on the next month.

After being through three continuous seasons, this Fish should finally take a break, right?

After all, he has successfully secured a "hat-trick".

Even though this hat-trick pales in comparison to the prestige of a hat-trick in the War of the Gods.

Lin Yuan was unaware of the reactions within the circle.

After the competition, he saw Jiang Kui, who was squatting alone in a corner, staring blankly at the ground in silence.

"Are you okay?"

Lin Yuan asked gently.

He could slightly understand Jiang Kui's feelings.

The feeling of not quite winning the championship obviously wasn't too beautiful.

Though Jiang Kui was praised for her performance by many people.

Upon seeing Lin Yuan, Jiang Kui pouted, and all of a sudden, she burst into tears, saying:

"I've made a disgrace of myself..."

Even though she managed to restrain her tears when she was at her lowest moment, the empathetic words from Lin Yuan broke her defenses, making her tears burst forth like a dam had been opened.

"You sang very well,"

Lin Yuan said with a smile while patting Jiang Kui's head.

Jiang Kui, due to her short stature, was just at the right height for a head pat.

"Wuuuu!"

Jiang Kui cried even harder, and she even hugged Lin Yuan and started crying.

Lin Yuan hesitated for a moment, but didn't push her away.

His little sister, whenever she did poorly in an exam, would come home and cry while hugging him.

"I'm sorry!"

In the midst of her sobbing, Jiang Kui suddenly realized something wasn't right.

Did I just lose my mind?

Did I just cry while hugging Teacher Admirable Fish?

Did I just make his clothes wet with my tears?

"I...I..."

Jiang Kui quickly stepped back half a pace, tried to make some kind of explanation, but she was so flustered she couldn't get a single sentence out.

Her tears started falling even more rapidly.

For the singers from the Yu Dynasty, Admirable Fish was like a respected figure. They wanted to get close but didn't dare to do so.

The slightest move closer to him always felt like offending him.

So, even Yao Huo from the Yu Dynasty, who was familiar with Admirable Fish, also subconsciously avoided any physical contact with him.

Jiang Kui only did what she did because she had a breakdown, something she wouldn't dare to do under normal circumstances.

"It's fine."

In Lin Yuan's view, this type of hug wasn't offensive in the least.

Because his little sister used to often come to him for comfort when she was upset, he had some experience in comforting girls:

"She indeed sang better than you."

Jiang Kui's sobbing stopped immediately.

Lin Yuan quietly breathed a sigh of relief and gave Jiang Kui a mild, comforting smile.

He indeed knew how to comfort girls.

Chapter 636: The Emergence of Numerous Zombies

Comforting people is an art.

You must make them feel that the problem isn't with them but with their opponents.

This was Lin Yuan's secret to comforting people, ponder it at will.

After comforting Jiang Kui, Lin Yuan headed to the company.

he left, once he achieved what he needed, without totting up his deeds.

After a short time at the company, Sun Yao Huo brought Pei Qian to Lin Yuan's office.

A meeting had been arranged between them in advance.

The main reason was that Pei Qian had finished creating 'Plants vs Zombies' and today intended to invite Lin Yuan to playtest it. After all, this game was created specifically for Lin Yuan.

"There are not many levels at present, you can play it a bit to see if you like it, personally, I think you will enjoy it."

Pei Qian stated, his confidence in the game he'd developed was apparent in his words.

"Alright."

Lin Yuan began the game, looking over the interface.

The starting interface was somewhat familiar, though of course, it had some differences from the original, but that was not the critical point. As long as the gameplay and the overall style were not flawed, it was fine.

The rectangular box displayed sunflowers, peashooters, etc.

The gameplay was pretty simple.

The sunflower was the lifeline of your economy, while the peashooters were the weapons protecting your home.

As Lin Yuan skillfully planted sunflowers, when the zombies appeared, he positioned the first peashooter in front of them. The result was that the zombie was defeated before it could even reach the peashooter.

"Junior is so incredible!"

Sun Yao Huo couldn't help himself but praising him.

Lin Yuan smiled faintly, feeling somewhat proud.

Exactly!

It's high IQ games like this that suite him!

Once he had enough money, Lin Yuan's speed reached its peak, and after perfecting his operations, he positioned the peashooter on every row. The home was completely armed.

"Junior is so tough!"

Sun Yao Huo gave a thumbs up, "These zombies are no match for Junior!"

"It's alright."

Lin Yuan felt a bit embarrassed at being praised:

"The ideas are quite simple, we need to gather resources and use these resources to build other units, the key is when we should develop the economy and when we should increase the military power."

Senior really has a far-reaching vision!"

"..."

The nearby Pei Qian incredulously observed the star boss who had bought his studio-

This is too flattering, isn't it!?

Isn't this the level that even first-year students can achieve?

"This peashooter is too powerful."

Lin Yuan provided his first piece of feedback after a while.

"Then I'll adjust the data a bit..."

"No need, I'll give you the data directly."

Lin Yuan immediately gave Pei Qian the game data design that he had printed a few days ago.

When Pei Qian took a look at it:

"Name: Peashooter

Endurance: 300

Attack: 20

Range: the entire row in front

Shooting Interval: 1.4 seconds

Price: 100 Sunlight

Cooling Time: 7.5 seconds

Planting: Grass/Lily Pads/Flower Pots

Special Characteristics: Shoots a pea with each attack

..."

This document contained the detailed data of all the plants in "Plants vs Zombies", over forty in total.

Through Pei Qian's professional eye, he could tell that this design was very rational!

Pei Qian couldn't believe his eyes!

"What, have you been working on this design recently?"

"Sort of."

Lin Yuan responded ambiguously.

He was eager to play the most balanced version as soon as possible, so he created the data in his spare time.

This game was a redemption from the System; therefore, he was familiar with any data in the game.

If he was to let Pei Qian figure it out slowly, it would take too much time.

"You are a born gaming design genius!"

Pei Qian sincerely praised him.

If he hadn't witnessed it firsthand, he would've found it hard to believe:

The person who created this data was a composer and a scriptwriter?

Wait a minute.

A composer and a scriptwriter seem to have nothing to do with each other, right? And Admirable Fish seems to have a talent for painting too. He saw it personally that Teacher Admirable Fish could easily sketch the background of the game, which isn't possible without profound painting skills, so is Admirable Fish a hidden painter?

Damn!

It seems Teacher Admirable Fish seems to know a thing or two in all fields!

"I'll send you the background music later."

Lin Yuan was eager for the plot to directly fast-forward to the game release, so the background music was also prepared beforehand.

"Great!"

Pei Qian was fired up.

He now regarded Lin Yuan as a concealed game design master!

In fact.

After creating "Plants vs Zombies" and testing it with other members in the studio, Pei Qian concretely understood this game's potential and value!

Whether it would explode or not couldn't be said for certain.

At least once this game was released, it would make money!

This game's playability and interesting elements are far from low, which can be regarded as the top creative concept among casual intellectual games!

"Senior, you should have a try."

Lin Yuan invited him.

Sun Yao Huo immediately agreed.

Not long after that, a sentence appeared on the screen: "The zombies ate your brain!"

Sun Yao Huo sighed, "I am far inferior to Junior!"

Pei Qian by the side was speechless.

Could you make it any more obvious?

Can anyone not pass the first level of "Plants vs Zombies"?

But Lin Yuan seriously comforted Sun Yao Huo: "You're not bad, it's just that I'm too strong."

Pei Qian: "..."

How to combine the plants, the formation during the battle, whether to choose to fight or guard when a plant encounters a zombie, this in the tactical category of the game.

The right tactics are the key to the player's victory in the game.

From this perspective, this game is a bit tricky.

But...

Could we stop talking about this while playing the first level?

The previous rounds were basically introducing the gameplay to the novices.

"Let's not talk about this."

Lin Yuan spoke seriously: "Senior Yao Huo, I will also invest in your game studio. Why not just establish a company, and we can make games together in the future?"

"Okay!"

Sun Yao Huo happily agreed, "Then let Junior be the boss!"

"No need."

Lin Yuan responded: "You can be the boss. I will take the shares and be the game designer. The designer's column can have my real name." Continue your journey with My Virtual Library Empire

"I'll listen to Junior."

Sun Yao Huo didn't think too much.

All he was happy about was that he had actually opened a game company with Junior!

Will this game company make money or not?

This matter isn't as important as "Sun Yao Huo and Admirable Fish have opened a game company together!"

Which other artists from Yu Dynasty can start a company together with Junior?

Only I, Sun Yao Huo!

The basic cooperation intention had been set, and afterwards, Sun Yao Huo excused himself.

As he left Starlight,

Pei Qian sighed: "Teacher Admirable Fish is truly incredible, even more so than the rumors!"

Sun Yao Huo smirked slightly, "Do you think what you see is all there is?"

Pei Qian was stunned.

Before he could deeply consider the meaning of this sentence, Sun Yao Huo suddenly said with a sly smile,

"By the way, this game keeps saying that 'a huge wave of zombies is approaching', where are the big wave zombies?"

Pei Qian: "..."

For a moment, he couldn't tell if Sun Yao Huo was joking or serious.

Chapter 637: I Strike Hard in Music, I Bow and Scrape in Filmmaking

Soon after Sun Yaohuo and others left, Gu Dong appeared in Lin Yuan's office:

"The Shenlong Awards ceremony has begun this year. Your movie 'Spiderman' that you made last year has been nominated for the Best Costume Award. Do you want to watch the live broadcast? Maybe we can win the award this time!"

The Shenlong Awards.

The top movie award in Blue Star.

Lin Yuan had once won the Best Music for the Shenlong Awards one year with the movie "The Tuner".

Thereafter.

Every movie Lin Yuan made was nominated for one or several awards, but he never won again!

This includes his most critically acclaimed movie "Hachiko".

This shows how high the threshold for this award is.

This time for the Shenlong Awards, Lin Yuan was nominated again for "Spiderman". The award he was nominated for was Best Costume.

It has to do with Spiderman's battle suit.

This is the battle suit Lin Yuan designed for the male lead, Jian Yi, which once started a trend that led to the hot sale of Spiderman battle suit peripherals. Being nominated for the Best Costume Design at the Shenlong Awards was not unexpected.

In fact, Lin Yuan has been following the Shenlong Awards in recent years.

He really wanted to win the Shenlong Award again, but he has been disappointed in recent years.

The main reason he cared was not about saving face, but about the additional value the System would give to the award.

First, the Prestige Value bonus of the Shenlong Awards is terrifying!

Second, Lin Yuan has a system task related to the Shenlong Awards!

[Get recognition from the Shenlong Awards, and you can get a random treasure chest provided by the system!]

Random treasure chests are very enigmatic.

What if you randomly get a silver or even a Gold Treasure Chest?

Although Lin Yuan was aware that this dog system would most likely play a pseudo-randomness with him.

But there's always a chance.

Moreover, even if a rubbish treasure chest is randomly chosen, the Prestige brought by the award is at least very substantial!

When "The Tuner" won the Best Music back in the day, Lin Yuan's Prestige skyrocketed.

Thinking of this, Lin Yuan said:

"Let me watch then."

He turned on his computer and logged into Penguin Video.

The Shenlong Awards ceremony is considered an annual event in the entertainment industry, and every video website has a live broadcast.

Yes.

Now Han Continent has also joined in.

So at this year's Shenlong Awards, the top film people from the Qin, Qi, Chu, Yan, and Han - almost half of the entertainment world - will attend. The audience appeal can be imagined.

Moreover, basically, after the Shenlong Awards every year, it will trigger a nationwide discussion.

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Lin Yuan had just opened the live broadcast of the Shenlong Awards and saw the densely packed barrage:

"This year's Shenlong Awards has five continents participating, which is equivalent to half of Blue Star witnessing it together!"

"It seems like it's another year where Qi Continent's movies dominate."

"Every year at the Shenlong Awards, although Qi Continent's movies win the most awards, new continents have been joining, and now the Shenlong Awards are blooming."

"I predict White Night will be the best screenwriter this year."

"Cheng Nuo has the biggest hope of being the best director!"

"The competition for the best actor is red-hot this year. The performances of all the nominated actors are top-tier!"

"The competition for the best actress is also intense. But I'm rooting for Song Yuzhi."

"..."

The thing that the audience cares most about are always the best picture, best screenplay, best director, and best actor and actress.

No one discusses the best costume.

Compared with these awards, the best costume is actually a very unremarkable award.

Best Music is a much stronger award than Best Costume.

At this time.

Lin Yuan suddenly saw some comments related to him:

"As expected, Xian Yu didn't attend the Shenlong Awards ceremony."

"If you're always a runner-up, you definitely wouldn't want to attend."

"Haha, Xian Yu seems to have been a runner-up for several years now. Every movie he made was nominated for the Shenlong Awards, but every time he left empty-handed."

"Didn't he win the Best Music once?"

"It's normal for Xian Yu to win the Best Music. Music is his main profession after all, but he never actually won an award that is really related to the movie itself."

"Let's see if Xian Yu can win an award this time."

"Did Xian Yu get nominated?"

"He was nominated. Didn't you see the nomination list? 'Spiderman' was nominated for the Best Costume Award."

"Does the Shenlong Awards have this award?"

"It's a minor award, but it's given by the Shenlong Awards, so it should have some weight."

"Not that interesting."

"..."

Lin Yuan sighed.

Don't treat the village chief like some negligible administrative position!

What happened to the Best Costume?

It's still an award from the God Dragon level!

Alright then.

Lin Yuan felt unusually sour.

If only he could have won a bigger award, imagine the prestige boost!

Before Lin Yuan could even continue his lamenting,

The official award ceremony began.

It was genuinely lively on-site.

The stage was even more beautiful than "The Masked Singer". You can imagine how much it cost to host such a live event.

The barrage of comments was even more lively.

Every time the camera focused on a group of top film and television stars, it would provoke a climax from the audience.

Soon.

Lin Yuan saw a familiar film, "Dragonman".

This film, in the same period as "Spiderman", had been brutally overshadowed.

But at the God Dragon Awards, this film won Best Visual Effects.

As the live broadcast continued, the host quickly announced the recipient of the Best Costume.

"The movie that won this year's God Dragon Award for Best Costume is..."

Lin Yuan eagerly watched.

Gu Dong, sitting next to him, also leaned over, somewhat nervous.

"Congratulations to the film 'The Queen' for winning the Best Costume Award this time!"

Lin Yuan's face sunk.

It appears that he's once again just a runner-up.

Gu Dong sighed and comforted Lin Yuan, "It's okay, Mr. Lin, we'll try again next year!"

At this moment.

The barrage of comments started swarming in:

"Hahaha, Xian Yu is running again!"

"Every year he's nominated, every year he runs!"

"Can't even manage to snag small awards like the Best Costume, whereas 'Dragonman', the film that was overshadowed by box office next door, grabbed the Best Visual Effects!"

"It seems that Xian Yu is better at making music than making films."

"Fish Papa cries in the bathroom."

"The female Spiderman's battle suit can't even win Best Costume? Oh, it's not from the original movie? Never mind then."

"Here's a joke: the only award Fish Papa won from making films is Best Music."

"Xian Yu: I hit hard in music, but I nod my head in films."

"Xian Yu: Nobody can beat me in songwriting! Nobody can beat me in filmmaking either!"

"..."

Gu Dong quickly turned off the comments.

All of a sudden, Lin Yuan was disgruntled, "Why isn't 'Life of Pi' done with post-production yet?"

"..."

Gu Dong weakly replied, "That film's special effects demands are too high, but 'The Truman Show' is ready."

Lin Yuan was somewhat furious, "Then why hasn't it premiered? What are you waiting for?"

Gu Dong: "Huh?"

Lin Yuan realized his anger got the best of him, so he toned down a bit:

"This one works, tell Director Zhou to schedule 'The Truman Show' to premiere this month."

He is bothered.

Lin Yuan is really bothered.

Three long years!

Ever since "The Tuner" won Best Music, Lin Yuan has been nothing but a runner-up for the entire three years!

Do you know how I made it through these three years?

I can't believe it!

Is it just an award?

Can the Gods Dragon Awards dare to let "The Truman Show" go unnoticed next year?

And "Life of Pi"!

I may not attend next year's God Dragon Awards!

But I must win an award!

No laughing allowed!

I will show you what cruelty truly is!

Chapter 638: Either Die As Art, or Be Entertained To Death

Best Film!

Best Screenplay!

Best Director!

Best Actor and Actress!

After the Shenlong Awards ended, netizens had started a heated discussion about some of the heavyweight awards!

The strange thing is...

Xian Yu became roped into this lively debate!

In fact, this year's Shenlong Awards didn't really have much to do with Xian Yu either.

His film "Spiderman" was only nominated for a minor Best Costume award, and didn't even end up winning in the end. Logically speaking, there shouldn't be much attention drawn to it, let alone such a high level of discussion.

But who can contend with Xian Yu's popularity?!

Anything related to Xian Yu always attracts attention.

Therefore, the discussions also included the numerous times Xian Yu had been a runner-up over the years!

During the live-streaming of the award ceremony.

A barrage message saying, "In filmmaking, Xian Yu bears everything; In music, Xian Yu fights fiercely." went viral!

And the saying, "Here's a joke: Xian Yu's only win at the Shenlong Awards was for best music," was regarded as a classic by countless netizens!

Not to mention the profound saying, "In music, no one can beat Xian Yu; in filmmaking, no one can beat Xian Yu".

These Xian Yu-related messages spread rapidly on the internet.

Many people jumped on these trends.

For a time, there was a joyful atmosphere on the internet.

"Xian Yu won an award from Shenlong only because he's good at music, is that right?"

"I'm used to seeing Xian Yu's invincible status in the music industry, and suddenly seeing him struggling in the film industry is interesting."

"So, Xian Yu is the best composer among screenwriters, and also the best screenwriter among composers?"

"Who else could make music and films unbeatable, the depth of Blue Star's common language is impressive!"

"Fei Yang: Xian Yu, I didn't expect this day to come for you!"

"I'm dead laughing, everyone in the music industry is a runner-up to Xian Yu, but in the film industry, it's completely reversed."

"..."

Not only netizens were laughing.

The music industry in all continents was also laughing out loud.

You thought that folks in the film industry would also be repressed like us, unable to move because of you?

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In the music industry.

No one could suppress Xian Yu.

Even Maestro was no match!

Even when Yang Zhongming won against Xian Yu, it was due to the intervention from the officials, which didn't quite count.

But in the field of film, someone can suppress Xian Yu!

Having been a runner-up in the Shenlong Awards in succession, this has proven the fact.

Of course.

Although everyone was laughing, there wasn't any malice involved.

This wasn't mockery.

It was merely playing a joke or teasing.

In other words:

These people were purely intrigued by the novelty of seeing Xian Yu struggling in the film industry after witnessing his rampant success in the music industry.

This kind of novelty provided an immense amount of joy to everyone.

Just at this time.

Starlight Entertainment suddenly made an announcement:

"Xian Yu's latest film 'The Truman Show' will be released on the tenth of this month, please look forward to it!"

Netizens were still discussing Xian Yu, and were taken aback when they saw this announcement.

Straight after.

Now, everyone started laughing even more—

"He's getting desperate!"

"He's really desperate!"

"Is he trying to shut us up with urgency?"

"Is he so eager to release his new film that he's not even leaving time for promotion?"

"Hold on."

"Is he aiming at next year's Shenlong Awards with this new film?"

"Give it up!"

"You're destined to play second fiddle!"

"But it's okay, we'll support you!"

"Hahaha, why do I suddenly find Xian Yu so cute?"

"Let's not say anything more, I'll buy the movie ticket, is that okay?"

"I feel sorry for Xian Yu. Although I know his new film will be a runner-up again, it doesn't stop me from liking his films!"

"It's a fact that your film didn't win the Shenlong Award, and it's also a fact that I like your film!"

"The fact has proved that whether Xian Yu's films win awards or not, and whether the audience likes them or not, are two separate matters."

"..."

Be it making fun or teasing.

Upon seeing the news of Xian Yu's new film release, the audience was still filled with anticipation.

Moreover, with the hot topic of the Shenlong Awards and Xian Yu having been a runner-up year after year without earning any awards, the release of his new film came with an immediate boost in discussion!

Because the audience knew clearly:

Whether a film is good or not has nothing to do with whether it has won any awards!

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The film industry.

Many people took immediate notice of the news that Xian Yu's new film was about to be released.

"Huh, is he not convinced?"

A certain film director mockingly remarked.

A middle-aged man next to him laughed, "Whether he's convinced or not, it's only a matter of time before he wins an award."

The director was surprised, "Mr. Long Yang thinks highly of him?"

The middle-aged man was none other than the scriptwriter of the film "Dragonman", Long Yang!

Long Yang quietly said, "It's not that I think highly of him, but that he has the ability."

The director was curious, "What do you mean?"

Long Yang's lips curled slightly into a smile, "He is playing with the art of balance. Once he successfully breaks this balance, it won't be too hard for him to take the Shenlong Awards, unless the judges of Shenlong Awards have something against him."

The director was confused, "Balance?"

Long Yang's eyes narrowed, "After 'Dragonman' lost to Xian Yu, I studied his several films and found an interesting phenomenon. His films always balance between artistry and commerce. Therefore, his films have just enough artistry without overdoing it, and the commercial elements in his films aren't too excessive either. You would say his box office numbers are high, but they're not top-tier.

If you say his films are artistic enough, even 'Hachiko' couldn't be considered a pure arthouse film, but more of a narrative film. This is what I have been striving for, and in that regard, he's doing better than me."

"What do you mean?"

The director seemed to start understanding.

Long Yang's intent was fairly clear.

Xian Yu's films, in fact, consider the tastes of many people.

Those who like to watch art-house films won't find Xian Yu's films overly flamboyant and noisy.

Those who like to watch commercial films won't find Xian Yu's films overly boring and dull.

Because his films are balanced, they virtually cater to the viewership of both types of audience at the same time.

Long Yang resolutely stated, "If he can break this balance, he might show everyone a completely different Xian Yu."

"Can he break it? Won't it lead to imbalance?"

"In my personal creativity philosophy for films, balance is the most difficult art to master. He has mastered balance well, and if he wants to go extreme, do you think he will fall short?"

"No ...but is it as simple as you put it?"

"Of course not."

Long Yang suddenly raised his eyebrow:

"The hardest part is still the script. A script that can awe everyone, but the spark of inspiration for such a script might take several years and still be hard to come by. I just think that he will be able to do it sooner or later...but perhaps, I might do it before him?"

"Just like Mr. Long Yang!"

"In plain words, there are two ways to conquer the Shenlong Awards."

"Which two?"

"Either being completely artistic, or being completely entertaining."

Chapter 639 This is a Matter of Principle

"According to your requirements, the earliest the movie can be released is on the 10th. We should be grateful for all the chatter about the Golden Dragon Award. The online discussions about our movie have been productive. Otherwise, it would feel like the promotional time-frame is too tight..."

At Starlight Entertainment,

Ol' Zhou said, laughing.

Lin Yuan nodded in agreement.

Then Ol' Zhou suddenly asked, "How old are you this year, Lin Yuan?"

Lin Yuan replied, "24."

It had been five years since Lin Yuan crossed over to the Blue Star.

Ol' Zhou sighed, "Twenty-four... You are really young... I remember you joined our company when you were nineteen years old..."

"Yes."

"Haven't you thought about having a girlfriend in all these years?"

Lin Yuan responded with a shake of his head. His answer was straightforward:

"Hadn't crossed my mind."

Old Zhou chuckled, "You're at that age where you should have a girlfriend. People start dating in college. Haven't you ever been in love?"

Lin Yuan shook his head again.

Old Zhou sighed in resignation, "Exactly as your mom said."

"Mom?"

Lin Yuan was puzzled.

Old Zhou smiled bitterly, "Your mom mentioned to me that you never dated because of health reasons. Now that you're healthy, she asked me to introduce a girlfriend to you."

Even he found it strange.

Who would believe it if he were to tell them?

The famous Xian Yu is planning to date and needs a familial introduction?

Lin Yuan: "..."

Even he was unaware of when his dance-loving, square-dancing fan mother got in touch with Ol' Zhou.

"So, do you have a girl you like?"

"No."

"Do you like any boys then?"

The question was unnecessary, but just to be sure, Ol' Zhou asked it anyway.

After all, there had been rumors that Xian Yu and Chu Kuang were an item.

Chu Kuang was more than likely a boy.

Lin Yuan said, "No."

Old Zhou sighed in relief, "Then, allow me to arrange a meeting for you to meet the girl—It's not a formal matchmaking, so there's no need to feel pressured, it's just to have a pleasant chat!"

Young people these days are very concerned about appearances.

If you explicitly say it's matchmaking, it may cause a negative reaction.

"No need."

Lin Yuan had no interest in such matters.

In haste, Ol' Zhou replied, "It's just a meet and greet over dinner. I can't take credit for the introduction. It was our boss who personally set it up and connected us with the family... "

"The company is doing matchmaking now?"

Lin Yuan didn't remember this clause being in the contract.

Old Zhou laughed, "What matchmaking? Our boss is just looking out for you!"

Lin Yuan shook his head.

He was about to refuse once again when his phone started to ring.

It was his mother calling.

As soon as he picked up, his mother's voice came through:

"Go and meet her, I've seen her photos, she's very beautiful."

"Okay."

Lin Yuan didn't refuse this time.

When it came to his mother, Lin Yuan rarely refused.

Even if he did refuse, Lin Yuan would do so in a friendly manner.

"You agreed?"

Seeing Lin Yuan hang up the phone, Ol' Zhou looked hopeful.

"Yes."

"I'll contact them right away!"

Old Zhou suddenly perked up, "I'll call the stylist over to give you a makeover..."

"No need."

Lin Yuan was very firm in his response.

"Alright, either way, you look handsome no matter how you are dressed!"

Ol' Zhou cheerfully picked up his phone, left the room and contacted the girl's family.

Two minutes later, Ol' Zhou returned to Lin Yuan's office looking happy, "I've sent the address to Gu Dong's phone, in a moment you can leave with him!"

"Okay."

Lin Yuan answered dismissively.

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Ten minutes later.

Lin Yuan got in Gu Dong's car and they set off.

Gu Dong curiously asked, "What is Mr. Lin going to do at Jasmine Manor?"

"Jasmine Manor?"

"Don't you know? That's our destination."

"Oh, I'm going there for matchmaking."

Despite Ol' Zhou insisting it wasn't matchmaking, Lin Yuan felt that it was essentially the same.

"Pu!"

Gu Dong instinctively slammed on the brakes, then quickly apologized, "I'm sorry, Mr. Lin, I lost my composure."

Having said this, Gu Dong quickly pressed the accelerator again.

"Why are you going for matchmaking, Mr. Lin?" Gu Dong asked, clearly taken aback.

"It was my mom's idea."

Lin Yuan said, honestly.

Gu Dong couldn't help but laugh, "What I mean is, Mr. Lin, are you okay with the idea of matchmaking, dating, and even marrying someone?"

"Haven't thought about it."

Lin Yuan was sincere again; he hadn't ever really considered it.

"Have you ever thought about having a girlfriend?"

"No."

"What is your perspective on relationships?"

"I don't know."

"..."

Gu Dong didn't know what to say anymore.

"Love" didn't seem to be in Mr. Lin's vocabulary.

"But people have to get married eventually, right?" Gu Dong could only bait Lin Yuan to continue the conversation.

"Then so be it."

"Who would you marry?"

"A woman."

"What kind of woman?"

"Someone I like."

"What kind of woman do you like?"

"I will know when I meet her."

"What if you never meet?"

"Then I won't get married."

Getting married without liking the other person would be disrespectful.

If anyone treated his sister or other female relatives like that, Lin Yuan would definitely lose his temper.

"Alright."

Gu Dong finally understood, "So, Mr. Lin, do you plan on just going through the motions at the matchmaking meet?"

"That's all I can do if I don't like her."

If he likes her and she happens to like him, then they could date.

In Lin Yuan's mind, things were just that simple.

"Does Mr. Lin know what it means to like someone?"

"Isn't liking someone just liking them?"

"Mr. Lin, you've never liked anyone. How would you know what it feels like?"

"I also didn't understand what it felt like to be angry until someone made me angry."

"..."

This is how Gu Dong ended up halfway through her conversation with Lin Yuan.

Suddenly.

The car came to a screeching halt.

Lin Yuan lurched forward, steadied himself and asked, "What's wrong?"

"It seems there's a malfunction."

Gu Dong tried to start the car, but it wouldn't budge.

She quickly got out of the car: "Mr. Lin, just wait a moment, I'll check it out."

"No problem."

Lin Yuan also got out of the car.

Gu Dong popped the hood of the car.

Both of them stared blankly, none the wiser.

Gu Dong sighed, "We should call a mechanic. I'm sorry Mr. Lin, this might take some time."

"No rush."

At that moment, another car pulled up opposite them, honked and stopped in front of Lin Yuan and the others.

"Sorry, the car broke down!"

Gu Dong was on the phone calling a mechanic while apologizing to the other driver.

Their car was parked right in the middle of the not so wide road.

Click.

The car door of the other vehicle opened, and a tall, pretty young girl got out, gracefully walking over in her high heels.

"What exactly seems to be the problem?"

"Not sure."

Gu Dong gave a bitter smile: "It just broke down suddenly..." Read new adventures at My Virtual Library Empire

"Let me take a look."

The girl walked over to the engine, checked a few things, and then went over to her car to get two toolboxes. She opened them in front of Lin Yuan and Gu Dong.

Inside were all sorts of tools like screwdrivers.

"You can fix cars?"

Gu Dong looked at the girl in surprise.

From her dress to her makeup, nothing about her indicated that she could fix a car—her face could hold its own even in the entertainment industry.

"A little."

The girl spoke up, but her hands didn't stop. Working vigorously on Gu Dong's car parts, she was a stark contrast to her elegant demeanor when she got out of the car.

Gu Dong was dumbstruck.

The girl sure was strong.

Lin Yuan spoke up: "Need help?"

"Yes."

"What should I do?"

"Step aside, you're blocking the sunlight."

"Oh."

Lin Yuan obligingly moved aside, offering her a clear view.

Gu Dong chuckled.

It was rare to see a girl who wasn't awed by Mr. Lin's looks, and who spoke so candidly to him.

Moreover, it seemed like she didn't recognize Xian Yu at all.

After about ten minutes...

The girl finally finished her job and said to Gu Dong, "Try starting it."

Gu Dong looked at her a little embarrassed: "Thank you, um..."

"It's done."

The girl urged her.

Gu Dong nodded and took out a tissue, "I was saying, you've got some grease on your face..."

The girl had gotten herself covered in oil and dust while fixing the car. It was quite comical, but because she was so naturally beautiful, there was something endearing about it.

"Is that so."

The girl took the tissue, checked herself in the rearview mirror, and tried to clean her face. Seeing that it wasn't thoroughly clean, she puffed her cheeks in frustration.

Meanwhile.

Gu Dong had started the engine and tried to drive. It was working fine.

"Thank you!"

She quickly got out of the car to thank the girl, handing her a bottle of water: "You're such a beautiful and kindhearted lady!"

"No need to thank me."

The girl extended her hand.

Gu Dong was confused: "What do you mean?"

"Two hundred yuan."

The girl said: "For the repair. Normally a garage would charge fifty, but considering the labor cost for someone to come all the way here, two hundred isn't steep."

Gu Dong: "..."

So, it was conditional help.

She quickly said: "Of course, of course, I'll transfer the money to you right away!"

"Wait."

Lin Yuan narrowed his eyes.

For some reason, he suddenly sensed a kinship, so he stepped forward:

"A hundred yuan. You only spent ten minutes here and you didn't change any parts."

The girl looked at Lin Yuan and sighed:

"You're lucky, I'll accept a hundred and eighty. I saved you at least half an hour."

Lin Yuan shook his head, "One hundred and twenty, no more. The garage won't charge anything because the car is under warranty."

The girl stared at Lin Yuan: "One hundred seventy, it can't be less."

Lin Yuan frowned: "Since you've backed down a step, I'll reciprocate, one hundred thirty, no more."

"You were blocking my way. I helped repair your car. It's not too much to ask for some payment, is it?"

"But a hundred and seventy is too much."

"..."

Gu Dong watched the two arguing in confusion.

Looking at the car this girl drove, it surely cost millions, one could tell at a glance that she was wealthy.

And Lin Yuan, he needed no introduction.

Mr. Lin made more than a hundred yuan in a single second.

And here were these two fat cats, haggling over a car repair fee of just over a hundred yuan?

Was it that rich people are just too stingy?

Or were us poor people just living too extravagantly?

"Stop arguing. One hundred fifty, final offer, I'll transfer right now!"

Seeing the two arguing over a bit more than a hundred yuan, and considering they were going at it like it would last until night, Gu Dong finally couldn't take it and called a halt.

"Seeing that you are a kind-hearted girl."

The girl glanced at Lin Yuan and deftly opened up her payment code on her phone.

"I'll ask the company to reimburse the expense later." Lin Yuan didn't persist, talking to Gu Dong.

"It's just over a hundred yuan..."

Gu Dong finished transferring the money and muttered under her breath.

"It's a hundred yuan!"

Lin Yuan and the girl exclaimed at the same time.

Gu Dong was stunned, and after a while, she whined, "You rich people are too unreasonable."

The two spoke again at the same time: "It's a matter of principle."

Gu Dong: "..."

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The car was fixed.

The girl left first.

As Gu Dong was about to move on, Lin Yuan suddenly received a call from Ol' Zhou:

"No need to go, the girl over there seems to have some urgent things to deal with. She won't have time to meet you today. This whole thing was done quite inappropriately, I've already scolded them fiercely. It was a wasted trip, don't be too angry, we can arrange it next time, let her come to you!"

"Okay."

He didn't feel much of anything.

To Lin Yuan, it was merely a leisurely trip.

The two returned to the company.

On the way back, Gu Dong suddenly sighed:

"The young lady just now is clearly rich, and unexpectedly, she can fix cars. Without her, we would have been stranded. Plus, she's so pretty, even prettier than some female celebrities. It's a pity though, I forgot to ask her about her skincare routine..."

Lin Yuan closed his eyes to rest.

After the battle, rest was needed.

He felt his bargaining skills were rusty.

He used to be the Super Bargain King in the eyes of Jian Yi and Xia Fan, normally capable of haggling to half the price. But this time, he felt like he didn't get much of a deal.

When they got back to the company, Ol' Zhou didn't mention the blind date again.

At dinner, his mother also didn't bring up the matter.

Lin Yuan considered it a little incident in life.

The next day.

As Lin Yuan returned to the company, he noticed that Ol' Zhou and the film department were getting ready to leave.

"Want to come along?"

Seeing Lin Yuan, Ol' Zhou chuckled: "We're organizing a screening of 'The Truman Show'."

Lin Yuan was taken aback: "Has the screening not started yet? Hasn't the schedule been confirmed?"

Ol' Zhou explained: "A lot of theaters are prepared to pay for your film, so everyone scheduled it ahead of time. But the specific distribution depends on the quality of the film."

"Alright, I'll pass."

Interacting with theater representatives requires certain social skills, which Lin Yuan isn't good at.

His way of dealing with different situations is quite simple.

All he can do is conjure up a socially conforming smile.

"Then we'll get going."

Ol' Zhou waved goodbye and led the film department to an early booked screening location.

The venue for the screening was Su City Times Cinema.

After Ol' Zhou and the others arrived, they began to receive representatives from major theaters at the entrance.

"Representative Zhang is here!"

"Representative Wang, please come in!"

"Long time no see, Mr. Li!"

"..."

Filmmaking is a cooperative art. Not only do the scriptwriters, directors, and actors have specific roles to play, but people like Ol' Zhou also have responsibilities, such as arranging screenings.

After the screening.

Issues like scheduling screenings and distribution through theaters would require Ol' Zhou and others to engage in verbal battles with the theater representatives.

In the crowd.

Ye Hongyu from Dadi Theaters was also there.

This was the second time Ye Hongyu attended a Xian Yu movie's screening.

The last one she attended was the screening of 'Hachiko'.

That time, Ye Hongyu who was known as the iron lady, was moved to tears.

Ye Hongyu kept a low profile when she arrived this time. After a brief greeting with Ol' Zhou, she went straight into the cinema.

Accompanying Ye Hongyu was Pan Lei, a market analyst from Dadi Theaters.

A market analyst's job is to assess the box office potential of movies.

That's really the job of a theater representative, but sometimes, they bring along specialized analysts too.

That's because these analysts often have a more accurate judgment of a movie's value.

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After they settled down in the cinema.

Pan Lei joked: "Did you bring enough tissues today, Hongyu?"

As the Iron Lady of Dadi Theaters, Ye Hongyu was famous for not having emotional fluctuations while watching any movie.

But last time when she watched 'Hachiko', Ye Hongyu broke her rule.

After word got out, many people in the company enjoyed teasing Ye Hongyu about it.

Today was another Xian Yu film's viewing session, hence why Pan Lei brought up past incidents.

"I won't cry today, but you better take care of yourself."

Ye Hongyu rolled her eyes.

Pan Lei said, "We're only going to laugh today, not cry. After all, this is a comedy."

He Sheng starred in today's "The Truman Show."

He Sheng rose to fame for starring in "Flirting Scholar," and has been a comedian since his debut. All the films he starred in afterwards were comedies.

The current He Sheng is now quite a renowned star in the comedy circle.

When Pan Lei saw that "The Truman Show" starred He Sheng and was written by Xian Yu, he instinctively thought that it was a nonsensical comedy.

So did other cinema line representatives.

However, at that moment, Ol' Zhou suddenly walked to the stage and announced into the microphone, "Before the movie starts, I need to remind everyone that 'The Truman Show' is a drama."

The scene burst into clamor.

Ye Hongyu was also a bit surprised.

Pan Lei blurted out, "What is Starlight doing?"

This viewing session was not small in scale, and everyone thought that the movie was a commercial comedy film. But Ol' Zhou actually said that it was a drama?

Does a drama deserve such a fuss?

Can it make money?

We want box office revenues from our cinema line!

Okay.

It doesn't matter if it's a drama.

Xian Yu's drama should not be too self-indulgent in terms of plot, and it should still be able to bring in some box office revenue.

But why did you choose He Sheng to play the leading role?

He Sheng is an out-and-out comedian!

Who's ever heard of a nonsensical comedy actor starring in a drama?

Did the casting director get kicked in the head by a donkey?

Can't you see the inappropriate casting?

For a moment, the cinema line representatives were all a bit puzzled.

However, after the clamor, the scene quickly quieted down.

The audience wasn't the average viewer, and they knew that anything could happen in the film industry.

Now it was up to Starlight to iron out all these issues.

If they can't, then the film's screening would be absolutely dismal.

After all, no movie theater is invincible.

Even if every one of Xian Yu's films performs well, no one dares to say that Xian Yu's next film will definitely be successful.

The cinema line representatives had seen too many people who succeeded several times, but fell once and never rose again.

"The problem is not with the drama, but with He Sheng."

After observing the representatives' reactions, Ol' Zhou quietly exchanged words with a member of his film crew.

The film crew member said, "This is Xian Yu's insistence. We can't do anything about it."

Ol' Zhou smiled, "But you've seen the final product. You should know that He Sheng's performance is very good."

"That's true."

As Ol' Zhou and his colleague were discussing, the screen on the scene dimmed.

The film showed Starlight's company logo, a group of stars shining in a starry night sky.

Then, a middle-aged man with glasses and deep-set eyes appeared on the screen, slowly and earnestly narrating to the camera:

"We've grown tired of the affectations of actors, and we've grown weary of explosive scenes and computer effects. In some ways, although Truman lives in a fictional world, he himself is not fake at all. There's no script, no cue cards. Although it may not be considered a great masterpiece, it couldn't be more real. This is a documentary of life..."

Swoosh!

This was clearly just the first scene, or even the first line of the film, but Ye Hongyu felt a shiver run up her neck!

Professional cinema line representatives are always hypersensitive to the intentions of a film.

Although her expression didn't change at all, her tone hinted at surprise as she asked, "What is this?"

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Pan Lei didn't say a word, but his eyes were full of confusion and his scalp felt inexplicably creepy!

The Truman Show?

This couldn't be...

If his guess was right, the originality of Xian Yu's script was terrifying. This was simply a divine-level outstanding and absurd idea!!!