

## **Boss Is Reborn 341**

### Chapter 341. Showdown

“Chen Tong ...” Ding Shan’s eyes narrowed, revealing a complex and dangerous look.

Ding Shan was a person who didn’t like to cause trouble, but there were always people who would take the initiative to find trouble with her.

Chen Tong still didn’t show any signs of repentance for this matter. Did she think she didn’t have to bear any responsibility just because she wasn’t found out?

Soon, it was the day of the music festival, held in a nearby stadium. There were already several signboards and giant posters on the scene, with balloons and ribbons decorating the center of the venue.

The stage was relatively small as it was only a small music festival held by the Festival Group. Behind the circular stage, an LCD screen was rolling out the Festival Group’s promotional video.

There were two long tables on both sides of the stage with all kinds of food and drinks on them for the trainees to take.

“Wow, the atmosphere is so good. If someone doesn’t cause trouble, I think this variety show would be perfect.” Xiao Zhao tasted a piece of cake and said emotionally.

Ding Shan was standing next to Xiao Zhao. She wore a long dress of matching colors today, making her look exotic. As soon as she arrived, many trainees looked at Ding Shan in amazement.

Soon, the emcee walked up to the stage, picked up the microphone, and announced the official start of the music festival.

After that, a few well-known bands went on stage to perform. As the coach, Su Yan went on stage to sing a song. Immediately after, Chen Tong, dressed up very dazzlingly, went on stage.

This time, Chen Tong was well prepared. There were no mistakes in the two songs. She sang and danced on the stage, interacting with the camera as if this music festival was her small concert.

After Chen Tong finished singing, she bowed to the audience with a smile. There was no panic or uneasiness on her face.

After walking off the stage, Chen Tong asked her assistant breathlessly, “How was my singing?”

“It’s just like a CD player playing it directly. It’s perfect!” Naturally, the assistant did not dare to point out the flaws in Chen Tong’s performance. After a bunch of words of praise, Chen Tong was indeed happy. She snorted, “Of course, I’m a professional. Look at that Ding Shan; she didn’t even dare to perform live. I’m afraid she’s guilty.”

Chen Tong asked her assistant to bring her another dress she had prepared. She had prepared three sets of clothes to be in the limelight on this day of the music festival. She might even have moved her closet over if the situation had allowed.

After the assistant left, Chen Tong was about to go to the lounge to sit for a while. Suddenly, a figure flashed in front of her eyes. Then, her arm was grabbed by someone, and she was dragged to the side of the stairs.

Before Chen Tong could curse, she saw Ding Shan with a cold smile on her face. She asked, "Did you just say that I'm guilty?"

"You eavesdropped on our conversation?" Chen Tong said in anger and shock. At the same time, she looked at the exit and prepared to leave. Ding Shan's gaze made her feel very uneasy.

"I've been waiting for you here all this time. It's just that instructor Chen Tong was too proud and didn't notice me. But I'm baffled. If the perpetrator doesn't feel guilty, why did she say I, the victim, was guilty?" Ding Shan slowly approached Chen Tong, her voice as cold as ice.

"What are you saying? I don't understand what you're saying!" Chen Tong was a little flustered and roared, "What, you're blaming me for almost being raped? I wasn't at the scene; what evidence do you have to prove that I did it?"

Before Ding Shan could say what it was, Chen Tong had already brought it up. Ding Shan sneered, "Chen Tong, I haven't even said anything, and you're already so anxious?"

"I'm too lazy to waste my breath on you. I have nothing to do with this matter anyway." Chen Tong lifted her feet and walked to the exit of the stairwell, ready to leave this place as soon as possible.

Suddenly, a hand grabbed Chen Tong's hair and dragged her back. Chen Tong screamed, but she was carried to the top of the stairs by Ding Shan.

Chen Tong's body was suspended in the air, and she felt like she would fall down the stairs in the next second. She was so frightened that she screamed, "Ding Shan, what are you doing? I'm a teacher; how dare you lay a hand on me?"

"You dared to hit me. I'm just doing what you've done to me. You can't take it anymore?" Ding Shan's voice echoed in the empty stairwell as if a ghost had crawled out of hell to take her life. Chen Tong was so scared that tears were about to fall.

"I admit that I did it, but I was forced!" At this time, Chen Tong knew that denying it was useless, so she could only try her best to push the responsibility away.

Chapter 342. Mrs. Lin

Forced? What was the meaning of this?

Seeing that Ding Shan still hadn't let go, Chen Tong panicked. "If you don't stop, I'll call for help. I'll tell everyone that you bullied me!"

Hearing Chen Tong's words, Ding Shan, laughed, "Sure, then go ahead and say it. Thanks to you, the netizens now know that I've been sexually harassed. In everyone's eyes, I'm the most pitiful victim. You can say I'm bullying you; see if anyone will believe your nonsense."

On the internet, Ding Shan was now the victim that everyone sympathized with. Now that Chen Tong said that Ding Shan was bullying her, the netizens would not believe Chen Tong's words, having learned their lesson from the previous incident.

Chen Tong didn't expect that threatening Ding Shan would be useless. She suddenly felt guilty. She was afraid that Ding Shan would take revenge on her.

Chen Tong also thought of another possibility: Could it be that Wang Shi raped Ding Shan?

Ding Shan had yet to report this to the police, perhaps because she was afraid that once this matter blew up, everyone would know that she had slept with Wang Shi, so she chose to keep a low profile.

If Ding Shan was forced to have sex with Wang Shi, then Ding Shan must hate her to death! If she went crazy, she might do anything!

Chen Tong was nervous and scared. After hesitating, she said, "You can only blame your bad luck. Who asked you to provoke someone you shouldn't have?"

This was the second time Chen Tong had mentioned a third party. Ding Shan frowned and tightened her fingers. Chen Tong suddenly screamed in fear.

"Who is that person you're talking about? Tell me, and I'll let you go, otherwise ... Don't forget, I still have something on you. And if I want to go against you, I can guarantee that even with Mr. Wang's protection, I can still destroy your reputation!"

Ding Shan's tone was very calm, but Chen Tong could hear its absolute ruthlessness. She knew that Ding Shan was not someone who liked to joke around.

Chen Tong hesitated for a few seconds with a conflicted look in her eyes. Finally, she took a long breath and said, "I'm not too sure about the other party's identity. It was Mr. Wang who asked me to do this at the last minute. However, he was drunk once and mentioned Madam Lin. I think it has something to do with this person."

Madam Lin? Ding Shan's heart was shrouded in a cloud of suspicion. She didn't wholly believe Chen Tong's words for the time being, but she remembered the information Chen Tong had revealed. Whether or not Chen Tong was telling the truth, she still had to find out slowly.

Ding Shan slowly let go of Chen Tong. Chen Tong's body suddenly lost support and almost fell. She grabbed the handrail of the stairs in a sorry state and looked at Ding Shan in panic and fear.

Ding Shan glanced at her coldly. "This is my last warning to you. Please don't mess with me in the future. Next time, I'm afraid you won't even have the chance to beg for mercy."

Chen Tong gritted her teeth. She was unwilling but didn't dare to say anything in the end and left in silence.

Seeing Chen Tong leave, Xiao Zhao, who was standing at the door of the stairwell keeping watch for Ding Shan, walked to Ding Shan's side and whispered, "Sister Shan, are we just going to let her go?"

Indeed, compared to what Ding Shan had experienced, the price Chen Tong had paid was far from enough.

“Then what else can I do?” Ding Shan said slowly. “Do you want me to do the same to her and frame her? I can’t do that kind of thing. Besides, Chen Tong is afraid of me now because I still have something on her. If I push her too hard, she might do something crazy, which will be bad for me.”

To Ding Shan, it was enough to make Chen Tong not dare to go against her in the future. Chen Tong was an extreme person, and if she forced this kind of person to a dead end, she would only bounce back, and by then, she would be in big trouble.

Xiao Zhao nodded in understanding.

“Besides,” Ding Shan thought of something and looked into the distance, “Didn’t he say he would help me? I’d like to see what he’s going to do.”

The second episode of Idol Creation camp was released soon. This episode was the training room version. The content mainly presented the scene of trainees training under the guidance of instructors.

There was no excellent stage for this episode, only the practical life in the training room. Although this episode was not as gorgeous and exciting as the first one, the audience could witness the trainees’ training process and feel each trainee’s unique personality and quality. The audience could accompany the trainees they liked to slowly improve and obtain a kind of happiness of ‘cultivation.’

The popularity of variety shows has always been high. The Show’s latest episode had just been released, and online viewers had reached 26 million.

#### Chapter 343. The Second Episode

Ding Shan was also paying attention to this episode of the Show. As she watched the Show, she analyzed the audience’s current views on the Show and the various trainees through the bullet comments.

According to the comments, the already popular trainees still attracted a lot of attention.

Some newcomers with good looks and abilities gained many fans quickly and became the dark horses of the Show.

Some of the trainees who had average performances but worked very hard also received the acknowledgment of the audience.

Of course, some trainees exploded in popularity because of their oddities, and the representative of this type of trainee was Wang Le.

Wang Le was just an ordinary worker kicked onto the stage by an entertainment company at the last minute. His passive performance in the training room formed a strong contrast with the other trainees. Initially, everyone thought such a trainee would be eliminated in the first round of audience voting.

However, they did not expect that in this episode’s bullet comments, the frequency of discussion about Wang Le had exceeded 90% of the trainees!

The audience expressed, “Wang Le looks too much like me at work. He’s practically the trainee version of me!”

“That’s so funny. I can tell that he wants to get off work. I guess he’s the happiest out of all the contestants who were eliminated in the first round!”

“No, I won’t let Wang Le be eliminated! I love to see him being forced to work like this. I’m already a fan of Wang Le, so I’ll get my friends to vote for Wang Le. I’ll work hard to vote for you to make it to the last episode! Do you want to get off work? That’s impossible!”

“You’re too despicable. You’re in the rain, so you want to take someone else’s umbrella? However, I also want to see Wang Le’s expression when he discovers he hasn’t been eliminated. I won’t say anymore; I’ll vote now.”

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Ding Shan did not expect the netizens to be so interested in such a depressed and gloomy contestant like Wang Le. She flipped through the real-time voting rankings and discovered that Wang Le was currently ranked 31st!

Although this ranking wasn’t very high, for an ordinary person with no fan base and no acting experience, this could be said to be incredible.

Ding Shan laughed helplessly. She was also a little touched by the audience’s pranking mentality.

She suddenly felt a little curious, “If Wang Le, who had been happily preparing to be eliminated, saw his ranking, who knew what kind of expression he would have?”

Besides Wang Le, the other trainee whose popularity had increased explosively in the first episode was Mysterious X.

In just one night, Mysterious X had become one of the top three on the leaderboard with his unquestionable super-good looks and all-rounded ace performance.

As the statistics on the leaderboard changed in real-time, the other trainees’ rankings kept fluctuating, but Mysterious X was firmly in the top three. The speed of the votes was very stable and was getting increasingly faster.

“Oh my God, I have a feeling that this Mysterious X will become the hottest topic of this variety show! Sister Shan, if he’s an artiste from our company, aren’t we going to be rich?” Xiao Zhao’s tone was excited, and her eyes glistened with the greed of a money-grubber. “He’s simply a walking money tree!”

Ding Shan thought, “I’m afraid I’ll have to disappoint you. Even if I sign Wen Xiu, I won’t sign Mysterious X.”

At the same time, Yin Hui was also very excited. He looked at the data list, and his mouth was in an “O” shape.

“Old Xiang, why do you want to start a business? You should have joined the entertainment industry earlier! With your qualities, you’re a natural idol. It’s all my fault for not discovering your potential earlier. Don’t worry; you won’t be buried here with me. I’ll train you to become a superstar in the entertainment industry!”

Yin Hui looked at Xiang Hong with his bright eyes. As he spoke, he gestured as if the man in front of him was no longer a person but a substantial gold mountain.

Xiang Hong only glanced at the data list indifferently. There was no excitement on his face. Then he turned to look at Yin Hui as if he was looking at a strange creature as if he was disdainful of Yin Hui's lack of knowledge.

What was there to be surprised about? as long as Xiang Hong tried his best to do something, there was no possibility of failure.

"No need. I'm not interested in money, and I'm even less interested in you." Xiang Hong decisively shattered Yin Hui's beautiful images of the future.

Yin Hui felt highly wronged. He looked at Xiang Hong with hidden bitterness and said sourly, "Right, you're only interested in someone, even if she doesn't know who you are!"

#### Chapter 344. Malicious Score

Xiang Hong glanced at Yin Hui coldly, and Yin Hui suddenly felt a chill spread to his heart.

He almost forgot that no one in this world could provoke Xiang Hong. If there was, Yin Hui hoped that someone could introduce him to him.

"I mean, why haven't you told her your true identity? Wouldn't that affect your progress?" Yin Hui tried to beautify his arrogant attitude.

However, Yin Hui was indeed a little suspicious. Previously, when Ding Shan asked about his relationship with Xiang Hong, it seemed that Xiang Hong did not want to reveal his identity.

Hearing Yin Hui's question, Xiang Hong came up with an answer in his mind. However, he didn't plan to tell Yin Hui the answer because it would embarrass him.

Ding Shan didn't seem to care about his identity at all. Perhaps Ding Shan had guessed that he wasn't an ordinary person, but she didn't have any unnecessary curiosity about him. Instead, she had been trying to draw a clear line between them.

In the past, although Xiang Hong had never proven his charm in love, he had always been in a high position in human communication. He had never experienced being rejected and pushed away by others.

For the first time, he wondered if he was not attractive enough to the opposite sex. Perhaps Ding Shan would not have unique feelings for a man like him?

Perhaps that night at Ding Shan's place had no other meaning.

Xiang Hong bit his lips, his index finger rubbing the button on his left sleeve. Many uncertain thoughts flashed through his mind, and at the end of these questions that he could not grasp, he gradually recalled Ding Shan's evasive eyes when she looked at him.

After the second episode broadcast, many posts appeared on the internet. They analyzed the strength of the five coaches' teams and predicted which team would win the title of the strongest team.

Ding Shan had also seen some posts, and there were still many people comparing her team with Chen Tong's team.

These marketing accounts, eager to see the world in chaos, knew how to create contradictions and let the netizens actively participate in the discussion.

Li Yang wasn't a celebrity, so she didn't have popularity. Su Yan and Chen Xi were only famous in the music industry. The two usually focused on their music and rarely appeared on the entertainment hot search list. There was no conflict between the two.

Ding Shan and Chen Tong were both well-known female stars in the entertainment industry and frequent on the entertainment hot search list.

Comparing the two was enough to make the audience want to discuss it, even if there was no breaking news.

Just when the number of supporters for the two teams was equal, there was suddenly a tiny rumor-

Chen Tong maliciously gave marks during the first evaluation and lowered the scores of the Ding Shan battle team members. It is suspected that the official score table has been leaked!

The moment this news was released, it attracted the attention of many netizens.

As long as the netizens had watched this variety show, they were all discussing the authenticity of this gossip.

A screenshot of the score table was released, which was said to be given by the official internal mentors. After the analysis of netizens, this screenshot was highly likely to be true.

For a time, Chen Tong's malicious rating became the hottest topic in variety shows.

Chen Tong had always dreamed of being as popular as Ding Shan. Now, her popularity had finally arrived, but in a disgraceful way.

Chen Tong's company quickly released a public statement, stating that these rumors were false and that Chen Tong did not do such a thing.

The netizens naturally didn't believe it and started arguing over the statement.

The fans of the other trainees expressed angrily, "Chen Tong had maliciously given them a low score. Although it would not affect their idol's score, this meant that there was some unfairness in the show. If they did not care about Chen Tong's malice this time, what would they do if the other coaches maliciously gave their scores the next time?"

Chen Tong's fans had been denying it. Their reason was that the official website had not confirmed the actual screenshot. Someone must have been spreading malicious rumors behind Chen Tong's back. It could be a female mentor who was competing with Chen Tong.

Some of the ordinary netizens saw that Chen Tong's fans still wanted to drag Ding Shan into this at a time like this, and their impression of Chen Tong's fans was terrible.

“Since the show started, I’ve never seen Ding Shan take the initiative to cause trouble for Chen Tong. However, Chen Tong has hinted at negative news about Ding Shan in her Weibo comments section. Chen Tong doesn’t care about her fans and always lets them attack and insult Ding Shan. I’m not a fan of either of them, but from the looks of it, it’s obvious who’s the one with the worst character.”

#### Chapter 345. Snatching The Role

Seeing that the public opinion online was basically in Ding Shan’s favor, Xiao Zhao was overjoyed and said to Ding Shan, “Sister Shan, look, Chen Tong and her fans are trying to defame you all day, but in the end, the ordinary audience has started to sympathize with you.”

“The audience isn’t a child; they can analyze and judge. Perhaps once or twice, they might be deceived by some false words, but after so many public opinions, they will be able to see the problem with Chen Tong and her fans.”

Ding Shan smiled calmly. She didn’t even participate this time, but the netizens were all standing on her side. She was surprised and also felt flattered.

When she thought about it this way, Chen Tong’s previous slander of her had helped her to build up popularity in the hearts of ordinary people.

Many ordinary netizens had also misunderstood Ding Shan before. After the misunderstanding was cleared up, many felt guilty for insulting and questioning Ding Shan.

Although these people would not immediately become Ding Shan’s fans, this guilt would make them consider standing on Ding Shan’s side in future public opinion.

“We’ll see what the officials say next. They’ll have to give a response to this matter, or it’ll affect the show.” Xiao Zhao said.

After all, this matter had nothing to do with Ding Shan, and the person who should have been worried was not Ding Shan. Xiao Zhao did not mention it again, but she thought of something and whispered to Ding Shan. “By the way, sister Shan, I heard that Yang Lu went outside to borrow a dress without the company’s knowledge. The two parties seemed to have a serious argument when the company found out.”

Yang Lu didn’t have any new works released during this time. Even if she had a conflict with the company, netizens only discussed it in a small circle for two days. Soon, no one paid attention to this matter.

If it weren’t for the fact that Xiao Zhao always paid attention to the big and small news in the entertainment industry, she probably wouldn’t have known about this.

“Her company is indeed not good enough.” Ding Shan gave a simple evaluation.

The Ding family had scammed Ding Shan, but now she was out of it. Yang Lu, on the other hand, was not so lucky. She was still struggling with her garbage company.

“Yeah, that’s too much. I have a friend who happens to be working at Yang Lu’s company. We talked about this, and she told me that Yang Lu has recently had a vital role, and she might lose it!”



“It’s that serious?” Ding Shan frowned.

For Yang Lu, good resources were too important. At her age, she was no longer at an advantage among a group of young girls who had just entered the entertainment industry. Unlike female stars like Ding Shan, who had representative works and continued to be popular, she was not much of a competitor.

For Yang Lu, having an important role stolen from her was a significant event that could affect her career.

“Yeah, it seems that Yang Lu fought for that role herself. The company didn’t care about her at all these years and even took on a lot of bad movies for her. She probably wanted to look for an opportunity on her own, but as soon as she found it, she was replaced by someone else!”

After the company found out that Yang Lu had privately borrowed a gown from someone else, they also found out that Yang Lu was going to use half a year to prepare for a new show. To them, Yang Lu’s most significant value now was to shoot more commercial movies and TV dramas and take on more advertising endorsements. If they let Yang Lu spend half a year shooting a new show, the company would lose a lot of money!

However, after the company learned about the movie, they felt it was not bad. If the box office and reputation were good after it was released, the role played by Yang Lu might also become popular.

However, from the company’s point of view, Yang Lu, who had borrowed the dress privately, had begun to challenge the company’s authority. They were not prepared to let Yang Lu film this movie.

In the end, before the filming started, the company found a new actress who also walked the same sexy and beautiful route in the company. She discussed with the director team behind Yang Lu’s back to see if they could change her. They said that Yang Lu’s schedule for the second half of the year was very tight, and she couldn’t spare so much time to prepare for this film, and this newcomer wouldn’t have this problem.

The company also knew that the new drama was about to start shooting. It would be troublesome for the director’s team to audition for a suitable role at this time slowly. In addition, the newcomer was also very capable. Although her acting skills were not as good as Yang Lu’s, she had a good appearance and temperament.

After some discussion, the two sides agreed.

Yang Lu was replaced just like that.

Chapter 346. I’ll Help You

What happened to Yang Lu was a common occurrence in the industry. Ding Shan felt that she could still tolerate the humiliation and helplessness with her temper, but Yang Lu was a proud person. She was afraid that she would not be able to accept it if something like this happened to her.

Ding Shan couldn’t even imagine how Yang Lu managed to stay in this company all these years. If she were to work in a better company, Yang Lu’s potential would definitely be developed to the greatest extent.

Thinking of this, Ding Shan thought for a moment and said to Xiao Zhao, "Help me contact Yang Lu, I want to see her."

Xiao Zhao looked at Ding Shan in surprise. "Sister Shan, are you going to comfort her?"

Xiao Zhao knew that Yang Lu and Ding Shan had some conflicts in the past. She also knew that Ding Shan did not hate Yang Lu. However, their relationship was not good enough for them to be called 'friends'. It was not Ding Shan's place to comfort Yang Lu.

"She's not someone who needs comfort. I'm looking for her for something else."

A few days later, Ding Shan and Xiao Zhao took a plane to the city where Yang Lu was currently staying.

When they arrived at a low-key restaurant, Ding Shan saw Yang Lu sitting at the dining table, flipping through a fashion magazine.

"Sister Shan, you can chat first. I'll wait for you in the lobby." Xiao Zhao took Ding Shan's bag and the coat she had taken off.

Ding Shan walked over to Yang Lu and sat down slowly. She took off her sunglasses and gave her a normal smile. "Long time no see."

Yang Lu closed the magazine and raised her head. Although her makeup was still perfect today, Ding Shan seemed to be able to see the fatigue in the depths of her eyes through her light gray eyes.

"It's been a long time indeed. If you didn't make the request, we wouldn't have to meet. Miss Ding is a popular variety show mentor now. I don't dare to claim connections with her." Yang Lu curved her red lips and looked at Ding Shan with a cold smile.

Ding Shan knew that was Yang Lu's style of speaking, so she didn't argue with her. She ordered two cups of flower tea and looked like she was ready to have a good conversation with Yang Lu.

"I don't like flower tea." Yang Lu frowned.

"You can try it. The flower tea in this shop is different from the ones outside. It soothes the heart and lowers the heat." Ding Shan's last sentence obviously made Yang Lu think of something. Her face suddenly stiffened.

"Did you come here today to mock me?" Yang Lu sneered and leaned against the back of the sofa indifferently. "That's right. I'm sure this little thing has already spread. It's normal for people to laugh at me after dinner."

"You should know that I'm not that kind of person. Otherwise, you wouldn't have agreed to meet me today." Ding Shan was like a ball of cotton with a good temper. She was not affected by Yang Lu's bad temper at all. Yang Lu was like a boxer without an opponent. She had nothing to vent her anger on, and she was extremely depressed.

"Don't be so smug. Do you still think that you have a good image in my heart? Don't think too highly of yourself." Yang Lu snorted.

The waiter served two exquisite white porcelain teacups. Ding Shan took a sip and said slowly, "I won't beat around the bush with you. I know you're in a difficult situation. I have a way to help you get out of it."

Yang Lu didn't look surprised, but the look in her eyes changed a few times. After a few seconds of silence, she looked at Ding Shan contemptuously. "What can you do? Why are you helping me? Don't tell me you're doing charity."

"There is a way, but I'm not the one who will help you. I can give you some hints, but you'll have to do the rest yourself. As for why I'm helping you ..." Ding Shan took out a name card and handed it to Yang Lu.

Yang Lu took the business card. 'Times Studio' was printed on it with its logo and cursive characters. Below it was Ding Shan's name and position.

Yang Lu was stunned for two seconds, and her face finally showed a surprised expression. She raised her head and looked at Ding Shan. "You ..."

"Yes, I'm the founder and boss of Times Studio. I would like to invite you to our studio." Ding Shan said calmly.

Yang Lu took some time to calm down. She put the business card on the table, but she didn't keep it or return it to Ding Shan.

"Then I should call you Boss Ding. Your studio hasn't been established for long, right? I haven't heard much about it in the industry. Since you're here, I'll be more direct. Are you here to pick up trash or to poach?"

Chapter 347. I Guess You Didn't Bring an Umbrella

If it was the former, it proved that Ding Shan only wanted to take Yang Lu away from her current predicament. She was afraid the treatment she would give her would not be very good.

If it were the latter, the following conversation would be necessary to continue.

Yang Lu was a person with dignity. She could accept Ding Shan's mockery, but she could not accept Ding Shan's charity.

"I'm here to invest." Ding Shan revealed a smile and did not have any intention to explain.

Yang Lu seemed to have understood what Ding Shan meant. Her eyes became complicated and conflicted again. She looked at the name card on the table. After a long time, her tone relaxed. She did not answer Ding Shan directly but asked, "You said you have a way to help me. Tell me first."

Hearing Yang Lu's words, Ding Shan knew that Times Studio had probably moved her initially; Ding Shan thought it would take some time for Yang Lu to relinquish her vigilance and doubts. However, after meeting Yang Lu, although Yang Lu's attitude was not very warm, the conversation between the two went on very smoothly.

Yang Lu didn't seem to doubt Ding Shan's attitude. She also didn't raise any questions to test if Ding Shan was putting on an act.

Did she trust her that much? Ding Shan didn't think Yang Lu was an innocent girl who didn't have her guard up. She also didn't know she had the leadership qualities Mysterious Person X had that made people follow him without hesitation.

Perhaps just like how she acknowledged Yang Lu as a person, the other party also believed in her character.

"Of course, there is a way, but you must put in more effort." And the result is uncertain," said Ding Shan. "There are risks."

"It's fine, as long as there's hope." Yang Lu did not look like she was in despair, but an undying flame was burning in her eyes. Ding Shan thought that perhaps Yang Lu's situation these years was worse than she had imagined.

After chatting with Yang Lu for about ten minutes, Ding Shan stood up. "Go back and think about it. Let me know when you've made up your mind. I'll be leaving first. If you need anything, contact me."

As Ding Shan walked away, Yang Lu picked up the business card on the table and touched the gold-stamped words. Then, she put the business card in the middle of her bag.

Ding Shan returned to the film Park. As she registered her information at the entrance, she saw a tall man standing under an inconspicuous tree not far away.

That place was indeed inconspicuous at first, but after the man stood there, he became very conspicuous. Ding Shan looked up and noticed him.

Ding Shan walked towards the other party. "Why are you here?"

As expected of the Mysterious Person X, he came in through President Yin's back door. He wore his uniform and ran out; no photographer dared to follow him. He was in this vast film Park, and he was as relaxed as if in the garden of his own house.

"The weather forecast said it would rain in the afternoon. I guess you didn't bring an umbrella." Mysterious Person X raised his left hand, and Ding Shan saw that he was holding a dark gray umbrella.

Ding Shan was silent for two seconds. Why did she feel that the Mysterious man's tone made it seem as if the two of them were in a very close relationship?

Not only did he pay attention to her movements, but he also paid attention to whether she was caught in the rain. He even took time to pick her up at the door.

Please! They weren't even friends at the moment. He was so good to her that she even suspected he would carry a gunny sack and sell her at night.

Ding Shan looked up at the sky. It was cloudy and didn't look like it was going to rain. Ding Shan suspected Mysterious X was making an excuse when he said it would rain in the afternoon.

"Let's talk while we walk." Ding Shan said.

If it rained, Ding Shan could have asked the program team to send a car to pick her up.

However, with Mysterious Person X here, she could only choose the most low-key way.

Fortunately, no paparazzi were taking photos in the film Park, and the control was rigorous. They would not spread it outside if someone found her walking with the team members.

The two walked along the path by the man-made lake in the film Park.

“Are you too busy with work?” Xiang Hong asked naturally. His tone was so relaxed that it was as if they had known each other for many years.

Under Xiang Hong’s guidance, the somewhat awkward atmosphere for Ding Shan became a little more comfortable and leisurely.

The two walked along the shore and saw the hairy reeds swaying in the wind beside the artificial lake. The lake’s surface was immaculate, and a few beautiful swans were swimming around. The wind was a little cold, but it felt very comfortable when it blew on their faces.

“No, I went to see a ... She’s not even a friend.” Ding Shan did not want to reveal Yang Lu’s identity, so she said that.

Ding Shan had a hunch that she might become friends with Yang Lu, so she said this to Xiang Hong on her own accord.

Chapter 348. Livestream

This was strange. Ding Shan and Yang Lu had only met a few times, but they seemed to know each other well.

Ding Shan and Chen Tong met each other every day, and Chen Tong still believed that she was a hypocritical and disgusting woman.

“Oh, I see ...” Xiang Hong’s tone was very calm, but several thoughts flashed through his mind.

Still not a friend? It meant that they wanted to develop into friends, right? Was the other party a man or a woman? Ding Shan didn’t seem to have any work schedule recently, so who exactly did she go to see?

Xiang Hong didn’t want to interfere with Ding Shan’s freedom, so he knew that when Ding Shan left the film Park, he didn’t send anyone to follow her.

He respected her freedom, but that didn’t mean he wouldn’t have doubts and worries.

However, Xiang Hong did not express his concerned and doubtful thoughts. He only nodded slightly in response, as if he was not curious about this matter.

Ding Shan recalled the news incident where Chen Tong had maliciously given her ratings. She turned to Xiang Hong. “You were the one behind Chen Tong’s incident, weren’t you?”

Xiang Hong revealed a cold smile. “Today, the officials will release a Weibo post to admit to the malicious grading.”

When the official Weibo account admitted it, Chen Tong had utterly lost her reason to refute and could only realize that she had given marks maliciously.

No matter how this matter ended, it would become a black mark in Chen Tong’s career.

It would be tough for Chen Tong to participate in other Variety Shows in the future.

Although this matter would not force Chen Tong into a desperate situation, it would still greatly damage her vitality.

"I've already taught her a lesson. You ..." Ding Shan did not expect Xiang Hong to drag the Festival Group into this.

If the judges gave unfair marks, the audience would also have a wrong impression of the program.

"I didn't make this up; I'm just telling the audience the truth. You don't have to worry that Yin Hui will feel uncomfortable. He doesn't like many of Chen Tong's actions."

As for the impact of Chen Tong's incident on the show, Xiang Hong felt that there was no perfect variety show in the world. Where there were people, there would be all kinds of schemes and intrigues. Since the slogan of 'Idol Creation Camp' was true, it was better to carry it out to the end.

When she heard Xiang Hong's words, Ding Shan no longer felt conflicted. She thought for a while and said to Xiang Hong, "Thank you."

The wind seemed to be getting stronger. Xiang Hong looked at Ding Shan, and the wind blew her long hair. From his angle, he could see her quiet and beautiful side profile and a slight ripple on the lake's surface.

"By the way, I went to look for Chen Tong. She told me that there's someone else behind this." Ding Shan recalled what Chen Tong had told her.

Xiang Hong had helped Ding Shan, and she had developed trust in him, so she shared the information she had obtained with him.

"Who's that?" Xiang Hong frowned and asked.

"I think she's called Madam Lin, but I don't know this person. I don't understand why this Madam Lin is targeting me." Ding Shan was perplexed.

After her rebirth, she did not know anyone with the surname Lin, and she couldn't offend her. She could not understand why she would set up such a trap to destroy her.

Madam Lin? Upon hearing this name, a person appeared in Xiang Hong's mind.

He remembered that the wife of the head of the Lin clan was called Madam Lin, but Ding Shan was a celebrity. How could she have anything to do with Madam Lin?

For the time being, Xiang Hong did not have any clues, so he kept this matter in his heart.

That night, 'Idol Creation Camp' officially released a Weibo post acknowledging the authenticity of the mentors' malicious scoring incident. After apologizing to the audience, they said that it would actively accept the supervision of netizens in the future and opened the mailbox of the Festival Group.

In addition, the Festival Group also announced that they would change all future programs to live broadcasts. The live broadcast would start from the first public performance to ensure the absolute authenticity of the program.

The netizens had been making a fuss on the official Weibo for many days, asking for an explanation. Now that they had received an official response, the netizens' emotions had significantly calmed down.

Someone expressed that the production team had changed the show to a live broadcast because of Chen Tong's malicious grading. "Their attitude of admitting their mistakes was excellent. I originally planned to give up on this show, but seeing the sincerity of the production team, I will continue to watch!"

Some people started to mock Chen Tong, "Why aren't Chen Tong's fans coming out now and saying that the whole world is framing your Chen Tong? The disgusting things she did were exposed, yet you say that others have wronged you. You act like a little white rabbit, but you're a black-hearted lotus!"

#### Chapter 349. Withdrawal From The Competition

Most of Chen Tong's fans didn't dare to argue and remained silent. Only a small group of crazy fans still trusted Chen Tong. They said that the Festival Group had decided to sacrifice Chen Tong for their reputation and that it was an extremely shameless act.

Ding Shan didn't pay much attention to the storm on the internet. The first public stage performance of the Festival Group was coming soon, and she was evaluating the students' practice progress.

Because of Mysterious X's unique identity, his team was training in a particular place arranged by the Festival Group. Even Ding Shan had no idea how their performance was going.

Just as Ding Shan was worried about Mysterious Person X's mysterious team, she saw Yin Hui looking for the stage effects director to discuss the layout of the live broadcast.

After they finished their discussion, Ding Shan walked over and greeted Yin Hui.

"Shanshan, I'm sorry. We didn't notice the problem with the score last time, so your team's overall score was a little low." Yin Hui scratched his head, feeling a little embarrassed.

Ding Shan laughed. "It's fine. The fairness that came late is still fair. This is not your fault. I've also talked to the trainees of my team. They also expressed that they understand the Festival Group."

Although the Ding Shan team's trainees didn't complain about the Festival Group, they had a terrible impression of Chen Tong. In the past few days, they were not willing to cooperate with Chen Tong when they were recording the interaction between the instructors and trainees.

"Shanshan, you're so generous. I hope someone can learn from you and stop giving me that face all day." Yin Hui thought of a specific person and showed a disdainful expression. He then said to Ding Shan, "But it'll be a live broadcast from now on. This is your first time participating in a variety show, so I'm not sure if you'll be able to adapt."

Yin Hui had planned to make this variety show live from the beginning, but the technical members and Planning Director of the Festival team had rejected his idea and told him it was too risky.

Under the persuasion of these people, Yin Hui also lost the courage to do a live variety show and had to change the program into a recorded broadcast.

The malicious scoring incident once again ignited the idea of making the live stream more effective. He had four meetings with the members of the Festival Group and finally got everyone to agree to make the live stream more effective.

Yin Hui was highly excited at this moment. This talent show of his was about to become the first live variety show in the country. If it were successful, he would become a person who would create a new era in the history of variety entertainment!

Ding Shan did not notice Yin Hui's keen eyes. She asked, "How's the preparation for Mysterious Person X going? No problem?"

Yin Hui shook his head in confusion. "I don't know either. He kept it a secret from me. I don't understand what he wants to do."

Hearing Yin Hui's words, Ding Shan, became even more nervous.

Mysterious X's song wasn't suitable for the first public stage, and he didn't seem to have any group performance experience. What if something unexpected happened on set?

"Why? Are you worried about him?" Yin Hui blinked his eyes twice and revealed a meaningful smile.

"He's my team's trainee. Shouldn't I be worried about him?" Ding Shan said.

Yin Hui saw that Ding Shan's serious expression did not seem fake, and he suddenly gloated, 'It seems that Ding Shan doesn't care about Xiang Hong that much. What was this called, the one-sided love of an ice-cold CEO? Hahaha, I didn't expect that bastard Xiang Hong would have such a day ...'

"What are you laughing at?" Ding Shan looked at Yin Hui in confusion.

Yin Hui immediately became severe again. "Nothing. Shanshan, you're right!"

Yin Hui and Ding Shan chatted for a while, but he left in a hurry because he still had things to do.

As soon as Yin Hui left, Ding Shan turned around and saw a person at the door who was secretly looking inside.

Ding Shan furrowed her brows and walked to Wen Xiu's side. "Is there something you need?"

Wen Xiu raised his head and looked at Ding Shan. His eyes were wet, and it was hard to tell if he was about to cry or had already cried.

Ding Shan jumped in shock. What was this guy up to this time?

Wen Xiu's voice was hoarse and low as he said, "Teacher Ding, I ... I want to withdraw from the competition."

Ding Shan's mind was filled with question marks. In her opinion, the person who wanted to win the championship the most in the entire team should be Wen Xiu. Ultimately, this person tells her he wants to withdraw from the competition.

"Why?"



“My father is sick. His condition is severe. The doctor said that it’s very likely ...” Wen Xiu’s voice was choked with sobs as if he was too sad to continue.

Hearing this, Ding Shan fell silent.

Chapter 350. Scammer

The more Wen Xiu spoke, the sadder he became. His usually sunny and energetic face seemed shrouded in a layer of haze, but his eyes revealed a trace of strong determination in his fragility. This contradictory feeling, on the contrary, made people want to protect him.

Ding Shan’s gaze shifted to a spot not too far away. Sure enough, there was a photographer taking photos. Although he did not record Wen Xiu’s words, he did record Wen Xiu’s expression.

Wen Xiu controlled his expression while secretly observing.

Wen Xiu had already used this tactic of pretending to be pitiful countless times. The facts had proven that women were quickly soft-hearted creatures.

Some women might not immediately develop a strong love for him, but as long as they see his fragile and pitiful side, they will be inspired to sympathize with him.

After thinking he was a ‘Weak and pitiful’ man, women would lower their guard against him, and their sympathy would quickly turn into a good impression between men and women.

Wen Xiu used this means to trick many women into loving him.

After realizing that Ding Shan wasn’t an easily moved woman, Wen Xiu thought of this pitiful trick.

However, Ding Shan was all too clear on Wen Xiu’s thoughts.

Because Wen Xiu’s feigned weakness and pitifulness had piqued her sympathy in her past life, she could not refuse any of his requests. Like a prey that had fallen into a spider’s web, Ding Shan had fallen deeply into Wen Xiu’s lie trap; then, she was used by Wen Xiu until the last moment of her life.

Seeing Wen Xiu continue to use his poor acting skills to lie in front of her in this life, Ding Shan’s heart was numb, but there was also a trace of anger.

She had initially thought that if Wen Xiu did not treat her in those disgusting ways in this life, or if he chose to give up on her after seeing her cold attitude, she might not continue to cause trouble for Wen Xiu.

However, she underestimated Wen Xiu’s greed. Even though she had clearly expressed her attitude, Wen Xiu was still thinking of various ways to entrap her.

Ding Shan realized that whether it was her past life or this life, Wen Xiu was a complete liar. This point would not change even with Ding Shan’s rebirth.

If it were any other woman in Ding Shan’s position today, Wen Xiu would have done the same thing. He would have deceived her true feelings and used her to pave the way for his future.

The depths of Ding Shan's eyes grew increasingly colder. However, she only said surprisedly, "Oh? I'm sad to hear this news ... But I can't decide on this matter. I'll discuss it with the Festival Group."

There was nothing wrong with Ding Shan's answer, but Wen Xiu could see that Ding Shan's eyes did not have the slightest bit of sympathy or care!

Wen Xiu clenched his fist and thought resentfully, 'Could it be that this woman's heart was made of stone?'

According to his analysis of Ding Shan's personal experience, Ding Shan should have been a woman who was easy to deceive. She lacked love and company and had too many emotional weaknesses.

However, after interacting with Ding Shan for a while, Wen Xiu realized that no matter how hard he tried, Ding Shan's attitude towards him never seemed to change! Even when she smiled at him sometimes, there was no warmth in her smile.

He could feel that the distance between their hearts had never been closed!

"Okay, Miss. Ding, I understand. Sorry for disturbing you. I'll go back to training. I hope you can keep this a secret for me. I don't want to affect my teammates' mentality." As he spoke, Wen Xiu revealed a tired smile and blinked his eyes as if he was trying to hold back his tears.

Even if Ding Shan was unmoved by him, there were still scenes to be shot later. It was worth it to trick a few more audience members.

After Wen Xiu left, the team leader of the film crew ran over and asked Ding Shan what Wen Xiu had just said to her.

"Wen Xiu's condition hasn't been right since yesterday. It's like he's been dealt a blow. He even made a few mistakes while dancing. If this continues, it'll affect his performance on stage." The head of the photography team said worriedly.

Hearing this, Ding Shan felt that it was very ironic.

Had he already started laying the foundations?

In the next few days, Wen Xiu trained as usual. During this period, he maintained his pained state of suffering a resounding blow. Even Ding Shan felt tired of him.

Ding Shan had fantasized about Wen Xiu's withdrawal from the competition. She did not want to see this hypocritical 'Ex-boyfriend' anymore.