

Concubine 281

Chapter 281 His Identity is Exposed!

Pei Xi's beautiful eyes widened, and she was speechless.

Due to the language barrier, Bill's reaction was delayed for a few seconds.

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Pei Huai didn't look at anyone else but Su Ji, "you can't be the godmother."

"You're the aunt."

Su Ji: "..."

Pei Xi had already regained her senses. "What do you mean? Don't tell me I am already pregnant?"

Pei Huai replied, "not yet."

Su Ji continued, "but both of your bodies are fine now. It's up to you when you want to get pregnant."

Pei Xi was very happy and laughed out loud. At this moment, she seemed like a 3-year-old girl.

She had kept this in her heart for many years. She didn't mention it and pretended like she didn't care.

However, when this hope was reignited, she realized how much she had always wanted to have children!

At first, Bill smiled in confusion. Then, Pei Xi explained to him in English what Pei Huai and Su Ji had just said, and his deep eyes turned red.

Pei Song raised his eyebrows. He was also surprised.

"Really?" Pei Qingshen was elated. "That's great! Su Ji is really amazing!"

When he said this, the others suddenly remembered to thank the hero. Pei Xi and Bill all surrounded Su Ji.

Pei Huai and Su Ji were the ones who had treated them together, but at this moment...the CEO of a company worth hundreds of billions of yuan was completely excluded and no one cared about him.

He stared at the crowd for a while, laughed, and got up to pack the medicine.

When he turned around, Su Ji gave him a meaningful look through the gaps between their shoulders.

Pei Qingshen took this opportunity to make Su Ji stay for dinner no matter what.

Bill was so happy that he even said that he wanted to make Western food for Su Ji. Pei Xi said that she had never tried the Western food he made and was very interested. She picked up her car keys and was about to go with him to buy the ingredients.

After the few of them had divided the work, Su Ji looked at Pei Huai's seat. It was already empty.

Just as she was about to look for him, Pei Huai, who had gone to the sofa, said to her while holding a cup of coffee in his hand, "looking for your boyfriend?"

Su Ji: "..."

Pei Huai picked up a car magazine with his other hand.

It was already evening, and the clouds were illuminated by the setting sun. In a few blinks of the eye, an orange ray shone on Pei Huai.

He was bathed in the light, standing in the center of the rich and luxurious old mansion. At this moment, he really looked like a noble.

It was not surprising that so many people were after him.

Su Ji looked at him, "let's talk?"

Pei Huai put down the magazine in his hand, "what do you want to talk about?"

"About life," Su Ji replied.

"That should take a long time," Pei Huai said, "...my room?"

From where Su Ji was standing, she could see the balcony of the room next door. "No need. If it's convenient, let's go to the room next door."

Pei Huai stood up and held her hand, "sure."

The room next door was a lounge. Pei Huai noticed Su Ji's action when she entered and locked the door.

The two of them stood on the balcony. Pei Huai looked at her silently, patiently waiting for her to speak.

Su Ji's eyes were probing, as if she was studying him.

She seemed to have been studying him quite frequently recently.

As she studied him, she felt that the sense of familiarity in her heart grew stronger and stronger every time she looked at Pei Huai.

He really did look like someone.

A moment later, Su Ji said, "we're even in this competition."

Pei Huai took a moment to react and finally understood what the competition she was talking about. He looked at her with a smile, "you should consider it your win. My sister's physical problems were more serious than Bill's. I know you didn't tell her because you were afraid she would be stressed."

Su Ji raised her eyes and looked at him, "okay, then I win."

She said it in a very magnanimous tone, and those who didn't know would think that she didn't care who won.

Pei Huai chuckled.

However, this was definitely not what Su Ji meant when she said she wanted to talk to him about life. He stood up straight and put his hands in his pockets.

Su Ji had wanted to confirm one thing with him this time. Now that he had proven his medical skills, Su Ji had to ask, “did you come up with the prescription for the multipurpose drug yourself?”

As she already had an answer in her heart, she didn’t mention that he might have stolen the recipe from the grave.

Pei Huai thought for a few seconds, as if he was thinking about her intention of asking this question, but he quickly answered, “yes.”

Su Ji looked at him and pursed her lips.

In this prescription, there were dozens of different herbs. It was almost impossible to copy 60% of it, but his multipurpose medicine, and the prescription that she had researched with her bestie in her previous life...were exactly the same.

Su Ji asked again, “are you left-handed?”

Pei Huai narrowed his eyes, “yes.”

Su Ji replied, “your birthday is in November of the lunar calendar.”

Pei Huai nodded.

Su Ji stopped talking.

The meeting with Officer Wang earlier had made things clearer for her. This was not two parallel worlds, but two lifetimes.

They were inextricably linked to each other.

She had imagined thousands of scenarios where she would meet her bestie for the first time, but she never thought that it would be like this.

Her bestie...had become a man!

However, since hse was reincarnated, it was possible that her gender was different.

Although thousands of years had passed and things had changed with the passage of time, if Pei Huai was really...

Su Ji’s hands, which were hanging by her side, trembled slightly. She was happy, excited, and...

Pei Huai could get a lot of information from her eyes, but he did not know what to say. “You know who I am.”

Su Ji was silent.

Pei Huai took a step closer to her, the light in his eyes flickering.

Su Ji raised her hand, “you..”

“...are a woman in your past life!”

The light in Pei Huai’s eyes went out with a snap.

Again.

Pei Huai was so angry that he laughed and ended the conversation. “I’ve always been a man.”

He was definitely not a woman in his dream.

“That’s a pity,” Su Ji said immediately.

Pei Huai’s hands were still in his pockets. He was tall and had a well-built figure. He narrowed his eyes slightly, “what do you mean?”

“I might have liked women in my past life.”

Pei Huai: “...”

“It’s true,” Su Ji said without hesitation. “I really want to find her. To me, she’s different from everyone else.”

Pei Huai: “...”

Pei Huai’s chest heaved up and down when he heard his girlfriend confessing that she loved someone else in her past life.

However, the first thought that came to his mind was no matter who the other person was, he should take their place.

“Actually...” He said, “I wasn’t very sure when I said that.”

Su Ji: “?”

Pei Huai spouted nonsense with a straight face, “when I was young, the fortune-teller said that I looked like a woman in a man’s body. So, I might have been a woman in my previous life!”

Chapter 282 Tonight, He’s Planning to Make a Baby

Su Ji looked at him for a while.

It was reasonable and very sincere. It didn’t seem like he was lying.

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Moreover, the evidence was there, pointing to him.

At this moment, Su Ji felt that Pei Huai might have really understood her when she said “I’m not me” on New Year’s Eve.

She took a few more steps towards the balcony. “I’ve only felt that sense of familiarity from two people. Anyway, I feel that it’s either you or ‘her.’”

“Who?” Pei Huai turned to her.

Su Ji replied, "the one I added on TikTok, '."

Pei Huai: "..."

For a moment, he didn't know whether to be happy or angry.

He even began to doubt himself.

Pei Huai's face was quite dark. He was sure that he had loved Su Ji for all his life, so much so that he had integrated her habits and preferences into his own instincts.

However, he was not sure how Su Ji felt about him in the past.

The heart that had gradually calmed down after New Year's Day was once again raised.

He was sure that he was not a woman in the dream, so the one Su Ji liked was someone else.

He looked at Su Ji. Su Ji was standing against the light, and the red sky was her background.

She looked out of the window, her thoughts drifting away.

She had just confessed to the woman.

Pei Huai had a feeling that if Su Ji really found her...

"What does she look like?" He asked.

Su Ji replied, "I've never seen her face, but her eyes are very beautiful. Her eyelashes are thick and she's very fair, like you."

She looked at Pei Huai when she said that.

"How tall is she?"

Su Ji was not sure either, "she's just not short."

Pei Huai asked, "have you two been together?"

Su Ji replied quickly, "of course not!"

However, she blushed a little when she said that. Pei Huai really wanted to kill someone.

The upbringing that had been carved into her bones could not control anything at this moment.

Pei Huai said, "alright."

"Why are you asking this?" Su Ji asked.

Pei Huai didn't reply, but he had to find that person before she did.

Su Ji was slightly confused, but then she saw from the corner of her eye that someone was waving at them from the window of the balcony next door.

It was Pei Song. He had a cigarette in his mouth, one hand in his pocket, and the other waving at them. The window on his side was open, and the smoke in his mouth was blown by the wind. His eyes were

slightly narrowed, and he had a smile on his face. He had a lazy look, and was different from the Second Master Pei he was in Huichun Hall.

Right, maybe it was because she hadn't seen him smoke.

The windows in their room were closed, so they couldn't hear the sound from the other side.

As Su Ji was about to open the window, the back of her head touched Pei Huai's body when she raised her head slightly. Pei Huai walked behind her and opened the window for her.

The noise from the living room instantly broke the silence in their room.

Pei Huai asked the person opposite him. He sounded upset, "when did you start smoking again?"

As far as he knew, his second brother had quit smoking for more than three years.

Even after he divorced Sonya, he did not pick it up again.

Pei Song laughed, "I'm single, isn't it my freedom to smoke or not?"

He tilted his head and sized Pei Huai up, "you...you don't look too good."

Su Ji also turned to look at Pei Huai when she heard him, "are you sick?"

Pei Huai's expression was still tense, "no."

Pei Song looked at the two of them and smiled.

He was a little envious.

When Pei Song took off his white coat, it was as if he had completely changed into a different person. The pair of glasses on his high nose bridge could not suppress the playboy vibe emanating from him.

His handsomeness was different from that of Pei Huai.

Pei Huai was very serious and you couldn't find a single flaw in him. On the other hand, Pei Song seemed like a combination of multiple flaws, but he was still very handsome.

He was a person who would attract people's attention where he went.

The smirk on his face, the fingers holding the cigarette, and his neck were what attracted plenty of girls.

After that, he settled down. The lights, wine, and women in the nightclub suddenly didn't attract him anymore. The coincidences that other women had carefully planned were not as good as the casual hook of a finger by that one person.

He started to plan for the future. He even thought about buying Blue Whale, but he was not as capable as his third brother.

He wanted to have their child. He wanted to settle down more than any girl who had pursued him before.

But now, it was gone. The spell that the woman had cast on him disappeared.

No one could control him anymore, and he had become the Second Master Pei who had charmed plenty of women in the past.

However, he was more motivated now because he had a son.

The sun set and the lights were on.

The lights in the Pei family's courtyard lit up one after another.

The sound of the car's engine grew louder. Pei Xi and the rest had returned. Bill got out of the car first and went to the driver's seat to open the door for his wife. He gave her a kiss and then went to the trunk to get something. There were four big bags, and a few pounds of M9 beef.

The servants jogged out to take the things from him. Bill tried his best to speak in broken Chinese, "no, no, I can do it."

At this moment, Bill, who was fighting to carry the things, was taking every opportunity to show off his muscles.

Tonight, he's planning to make a baby!

Pei Song flicked the ash off the cigarette. His elbow was propped on the window frame as he looked out the window and smiled as he chatted with Pei Xi.

He switched between Chinese and English easily.

Pei Huai patted Su Ji's head lightly, "talk to them for a while. I'll go back to the study to deal with some things."

Su Ji agreed and turned to look at Pei Huai, Pei Song, and Pei Xi and her husband. The entire family was devilishly good looking..

Her cell phone rang. It was a call from Xu Mingzhi. She put the phone to her ear and left the room with Pei Huai. Then, she went to the living room.

Pei Huai returned to his study and took out a laptop. He opened a sketch software and used the mouse as a brush.

In just a few minutes, a simple portrait of a person was drawn.

He didn't draw the ancient costume, because it would be harder to find her if he did.

The portrait was sent to Shen Mu's email. "Find this person. As long as it's similar to the one in the picture, send me the information."

Shen Mu was a little dumbfounded when he received this instruction.

He looked at the portrait for a long time. He had to admit that although the only features were her eyes, he felt that she was a great beauty with a very strong personality.

He was confused because he didn't know why the CEO suddenly wanted to find this person. He was obviously angry, as if he was looking for a love rival.

However, this person was a beautiful woman.

He didn't dare to think too much and quickly replied.

Shen Mu: "Yes, boss!"

Chapter 283 Can Su Ji be Any Cooler?

"Mom and dad are coming back?"

At the dinner table, when Pei Huai mentioned this matter, Pei Xi and Pei Song asked at almost the same time.

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Pei Song said, "how did you know?"

Pei Xi replied, "I haven't heard from our parents in a long time."

Pei Huai said nonchalantly, "I heard they are coming back for work."

As he spoke, he helped Su Ji wipe off a small drop of vegetable soup from the side of her bowl.

"Work?"

"What kind of work requires them to be here?"

Pei Huai had no interest in that. He just wanted to take advantage of their return to do one thing.

Then, he told Pei Qingshen about his plan to arrange a meeting between the two families.

Of course, Pei Qingshen was fully supportive. He smiled at Su Ji, "Pei Huai has never brought any girl to meet his parents. You're the first!"

Pei Huai added, "and the last one."

"Is there anything that your parents like? I can prepare them."

That's why he liked Su Ji.

Pei Huai smiled, "they like you. You can just bring yourself."

Pei Xi nudged Bill with his elbow, "learn from him. Listen to what he said."

Bill felt wronged, "baby, my dad likes you a lot too."

Pei Xi said, "then, why do you tell me not to wear short skirts when we have dinner with your family?!"

Bill felt even more aggrieved, "baby, you know my dad. I'm just afraid that he'll like you too much..."

Pei Qingshen coughed.

Bill scratched his head in embarrassment.

Pei Song laughed.

Pei Qingshen sighed, “my son and daughter-in-law are finally back. They didn’t even come back for my birthday. It’s good that they thought of coming back for the new year.”

He looked at Su Ji and said, “my son and daughter-in-law are very loving. They have been together for about 38 years.”

Then, he looked at the others, “you should learn from your parents and learn how to get along as a husband and wife. You should support and love each other...”

However, his speech didn’t seem to yield much.

The three siblings did not react and Su Ji did not say anything. This was because when they had dinner at her house on New Year’s Day, Xu Mingzhi also asked about their relationship.

Moreover, Su Ji could tell that the way the Pei siblings interacted with their parents was very different from how she and Xu Mingzhi interacted.

She and Xu Mingzhi only had each other, but it was obviously not the case for them.

At the end of the meal, Pei Song stood up, took out a pack of cigarettes, and went to the balcony.

After he picked up smoking again, his addiction was serious.

Su Ji was sitting by the balcony, so Pei Song happened to pass by her.

Su Ji asked, “can you give me one?”

Pei Song immediately became alert, “why?”

It wasn’t that he couldn’t bear to part with the cigarette, but he just couldn’t afford to offend his third brother.

Su Ji replied, “I’m just doing some research.”

Pei Song glanced at his third brother’s warning gaze behind her. He gave her a cigarette and reminded her, “you must not smoke. If you do, Pei Huai will skin me alive.”

“Don’t worry,” Su Ji said, “I want to live to 120.”

Pei Song nodded, but he only realized that something was not right when he walked away.

He also wanted to live to 120!

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In the next few days, CEO Wang worked with the advertising and the publicity department. He worked overtime to finish up the commercial.

Su Ji was studying tobacco at home, while Pei Huai began to search for a long-haired woman with beautiful eyes.

There was a rumor in the Pei Corporation that once CEO Pei found that woman, Ms. Su, who had been in the limelight for months, might have to step down.

What they said definitely made sense. For some reason, they felt that the mysterious woman and CEO Pei looked more like a married couple than him and Ms. Su!

As for the production team of The Billion Stars, after a few weeks, Zhou Xuefang's scenes were still not added. Sky Entertainment tried to promote the scene of his character looking at Shen Qianqian with deep feelings. Many fans were swooned, but it was not enough to help Zhou Xuefang recover her scenes.

Today, they were filming an outdoor scene. It was a scene where Bai Yueguang came to the countryside to look for her missing father. Shen Qianqian accompanied her. Bai Ye also secretly followed her, so Zhou Xuefang and Xu Ni were part of the scene.

In the plot, Bai Yueguang was brooding over his father's disappearance. Every time she saw the bracelet on her wrist, she would think of the time she spent with her father. A few days ago, she heard that someone had seen her father in this village. She didn't care if the news was reliable or not and came immediately.

At this time, Shen Qianqian and Bai Yueguang had already developed a love-hate relationship. Although they liked the same man, they also admired each other.

To find the perfect location to film this scene, the crew sent out nine cars and drove for six hours to a village near A City.

Everyone would be staying in the village for one night.

Si Jingchuan wanted to tag along when he heard that. However, he was helpless because there were many mountain roads here, which were particularly bumpy. The journey was long, and he would get carsick due to his weak body.

He didn't want to cause trouble for his boss, so he gave up.

It was already evening, and they had just finished filming for the day. The actors were making sleeping arrangements.

"Ah! Ah!"

"Go away, go away!"

There was a sudden commotion among the female extras.

Su Ji glanced in that direction and saw a black shadow that wasn't shuttling quickly between their feet.

It was a big rat.

It was unknown whose room it came from, but the female extras were so frightened that their faces turned pale.

Su Ji had been watching them shout for two minutes. They were so scared that they kept stomping their feet on the spot. But the more they acted like this, the more the rat wanted to run around their feet.

Just as Su Ji was about to get up, Xu Ni, who had just finished smoking, walked over first.

With his arms crossed, he casually looked over, “what is it that scared you so much?”

Su Ji knew that Xu Ni had a hard mouth but a soft heart. With him around, she didn’t need to go.

Who knew that the next second, when Xu Ni saw the figure of the big rat, he immediately joined the stomping crowd!

“Ahhhhhhhhhhhhh! Disgusting! Why is it so big?”

That’s right, Xu Ni was also afraid of the big rat.

Sigh.

Su Ji sighed and got up.

She walked closer to the group of people and pushed aside the two people in the middle who were stomping the most. She stood in the middle and stared at the black shadow on the ground.

When the black shadow finished running one round and turned to her side...

Su Ji quickly stepped on the big rat’s tail.

The big rat was still trying to run forward desperately, but it couldn’t break free from Su Ji’s grip.

The surrounding people gradually stopped and stared at the big rat at Su Ji’s feet in fear.

Then, in front of everyone, Su Ji bent down and picked up the big rat’s tail. She swung it a few times quickly like a pendulum. The big rat, who was baring its front teeth, was quickly spun around. Su Ji walked to the side and flung it.

“Thump!”

The big rat bumped into a big tree.

It died at the age of three.

Chapter 284 Lived in a Village

Xu Ni: “...”

The extras: “...”

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The few staff members who were passing by: “...”

Everyone was frozen on the spot, their lower lips unable to find their upper lips.

Su Ji, on the other hand, was calm and composed. She took out the disinfectant hand wash that Pei Huai had stuffed into her pocket and went to the side to wash her hands carefully.

The sound of the water flowing could be heard. After an unknown period of time, Xu Ni couldn’t help but say, “Su Ji, what are you doing...”

Su Ji spread out her wet hands, "I'm washing my hands. There's bacteria on the rat, so I need to disinfect it."

"No," Xu Ni said, "I mean what did you just do!"

Su Ji tilted her head in the direction of the big rat's body, "aren't you afraid of it?"

Xu Ni could not speak...

The others also gradually came to their senses.

Su Ji had just killed a big rat!

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Su Ji ignored the shocked expressions of these people. She looked around and found that there was another person who was not afraid of the big rat.

That person was Zhou Xuefang.

Because the big rat's body fell at her feet after hitting the tree trunk, she kicked it, but it was like kicking a small stone.

"What are you all doing over there?"

In the distance, Han Junlei and Huang Huayu were standing in front of an outdoor stove.

The aroma of vegetables wafted out from the big pot.

Huang Huayu waved at them, "the food is ready. We don't have many appliances here, so we'll just have a simple farmer's meal."

"But it's clean. Wash your hands and get ready for dinner!"

Su Ji washed her hands again.

Tonight's meal was really very simple. It was so simple that even the extras complained silently, not to mention the main actors, who had been spoiled by eating gold abalone every day.

However, it was still a rare experience. Moreover, all the actors were eating together, and everyone was quite lively. They didn't care about what they ate, and they didn't feel cold as they sat around the stove in the middle of winter.

The extras were very happy to see Su Ji in person. Su Ji had just helped them kill the rat, so they were all sitting around her.

The people who used to watch this drama for Si Jingchuan had changed their target.

Zhou Xuefang looked at the people surrounding Su Ji. She held a bowl of vegetable soup in her hand and felt as if there was a fishbone stuck in her throat.

Everyone would look up to someone who was much better than them, but no one could stand someone who was originally inferior to them but had now surpassed them!

Her grip on the bowl of soup tightened, and her throat tightened.

The fangirls around her were all praising Su Ji's bravery. She wasn't even afraid of a rat, and they asked her how she did it.

Su Ji wasn't a big fan of noise and excitement. She looked at Zhou Xuefang and said, "Xuefang isn't afraid either. You can ask her."

She originally wanted to divert the attention, but after hearing Su Ji's words, Zhou Xuefang had a big reaction.

She was in a really bad mood today, so she didn't hide her emotions. She directly retorted, "what are you trying to imply?"

The lively crowd fell silent.

Su Ji sneered, "what do you mean?"

Xu Ni also thought it was funny, "she said you're not afraid of rats. What does that imply?"

Zhou Xuefang dug her thumb into the bowl in her hand. She looked as if she had been greatly humiliated, "my hometown, Nancheng, is indeed a small place, but it's not a village. She said that I'm not afraid of rats. Isn't that implying that my family was poor?"

The surroundings became even quieter.

There were always comments on the internet saying that the two female leads didn't get along. They thought that it was just groundless accusations, but they didn't expect it to be true.

Even the existing members of the production team felt that the atmosphere was not right, and they were ready to draw their swords.

Su Ji wasn't angry at all. Instead, she could tell from Zhou Xuefang's overly sensitive reaction that she was embarrassed.

She laughed, "you're not the only one who's not afraid of rats. I just killed a rat with my bare hands. Do I have to laugh at you for this?"

"That's right, Su Ji didn't mean it that way."

"We're just having a normal chat, don't overthink it."

Zhou Xuefang seemed to have realized that she had overreacted and was feeling a little regretful.

However, it was definitely not because she regretted lashing out at Su Ji, but because it would damage her image.

Her face was the color of pig liver.

Sensing that the director was also starting to look in their direction, Zhou Xuefang calmed down within a minute. She put on a weak and gentle smile and said, "I'm sorry, I misunderstood you. Maybe it's because I'm a little tired from the ride today..."

Su Ji said, "it's okay. Since you're not feeling well, you should rest early tonight. Family background doesn't mean anything," she looked at the house behind her and said casually, "I've lived in a house worse than this one."

She had traveled the world and experienced everything.

As soon as she said this, the surrounding people were shocked again.

"The Su family's eldest miss has lived in a place that's worse than this?"

"Waa! I really think she's very mysterious! I love it!"

Zhou Xuefang seemed to have been consoled, but her expression looked even worse.

However, she still said, "thank you. I'm glad you're not angry."

The extras were the best at reading the room. Seeing that the two of them had stopped talking, they quickly changed the topic.

"Su Ji, I've watched the New Year's Eve special of 'Hello, Sunday'. I've been shipping you and CEO Pei since, hahahaha!"

"How is CEO Pei usually like? Does he like men or not?"

Su Ji was just about to reply when someone said, "was Tang Yimo with CEO Pei before this?"

"Su Ji, who do you like the most out of all the male actors??"

"Why just the male actors? Include the females too!"

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The endless questions came one after another, extending further and further.

Su Ji rubbed her face. Her head was starting to hurt.

She felt like she was talking to eight hundred people.

Since she had just finished her meal, she found an excuse to get up and leave.

Xu Ni also didn't like the noise. He took his pack of cigarettes and lighter from the small table and left with her, but not in the same direction as her.

Su Ji's departure disappointed the fangirls, but it didn't take long for them to gather around the directors.

Zhou Xuefang's gaze followed Su Ji's back as she walked further and further away. The corners of her eyes gradually darkened.

The reason why she had given in just now was not only to maintain her image, but also because her uncle was nearby.

Her uncle knew her family very well, and it would be terrible if she revealed anything.

Su Ji came from a good family and was rich. Having that kind of experience could be seen as a show-off, and others would not discriminate against her. Instead, they would think that she was mysterious, but she was different...

Zhou Xuefang came from a small city and before her family moved to the southern city, they had been living in a village.

That was why she wasn't afraid of rats. She had seen so many of them that she couldn't even pretend to be afraid.

Chapter 285 Su Ji's Birthday Present

The room that Su Ji slept in that night was also the same room Bai Yueguang slept in.

It was a very simple farmer's hut. One could easily look in from the outside.

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However, the people here were all members of their crew, so there was no problem with safety.

Su Ji lifted the curtain and entered the hut. She stepped onto the bed and sat in a manly posture.

There was a short wooden table by the bed, and two cups of tea on the table. They were props for the scene and the tea had cooled down.

She picked it up and drank it. The moon was bright and there were few stars in the sky.

It was pleasant.

Su Ji took a deep breath, and the buzzing in her head disappeared.

Through the window, she could see Xu Ni standing under a tree in the distance, smoking and talking on the phone. The red cigarette butt flickered.

As Su Ji was reading, her phone rang.

Pei Huai was video calling her.

Su Ji answered the call.

In the video, Pei Huai was on the balcony of the Pei family's living room. He had been staying in the Pei family's house for the past few days, and the background of his video at the moment was in sharp contrast to Su Ji's.

Su Ji looked like she had been sent to the army. Her windows were leaking, and there was nothing in the room, but she was in a good mood.

Pei Huai said, "the lights on your side are very dim."

Su Ji looked at the big light bulb above her head, "we'll have to make do."

Pei Huai frowned, "when are you going back to the room?"

"? This is my room," Su Ji said.

Pei Huai's frown deepened.

Su Ji knew what he was thinking, "it's just for one night. Don't make a fuss. Everyone is staying in the same kind of room. I don't want to be special."

Pei Huai: "..."

"Are you video-calling Su Ji?" Pei Qingshen's voice was heard.

Su Ji greeted him, and Pei Xi, Pei Song, and Pei Xingxing walked past them one by one. Su Ji chatted with all of them for a while.

It was not easy to get them to stop talking. Pei Huai was rather apologetic,

"I'll video call you in the study next time."

Su Ji bent one knee and propped her foot on the edge of the bed, the other leg under it. She looked at the screen and asked, "what's that in your hand?"

"This one?" In Pei Huai's hands was a copy of the description of a foreign property. He liquidated part of his funds to purchase it, and it was not a small property.

Su Ji touched the tip of her nose, and her jealous expression was obvious, "you have so much spare money."

Pei Huai didn't say anything else. He just said, "it's not far from the lychee manor."

Su Ji couldn't stand the thought of having an endless supply of lychee. She turned her head and looked out of the window. Xu Ni had just finished his phone call and would pass by her room on his way back to his room. She said hurriedly, "I need to go now."

Pei Huai saw her eyes lit up, "what is it?"

Su Ji smiled, "business."

After that, she hung up.

She stepped on the bed, opened the window wider, and called out to him.

Xu Ni stopped in his tracks, "what?"

Su Ji smiled like a cunning businessman, "come, let me show you something in my room."

Xu Ni: "..."

After hesitating for a few seconds, he looked around. The dining area was still lively, and no one was paying attention to them. Xu Ni paused for a moment, lifted the curtain, and entered the room...

On Pei Huai's end, the call was ruthlessly hung up before he could even say a word.

Business...

His girlfriend wanted to be self-reliant, even though he was her biggest business.

"Pei Huai."

Pei Huai looked over indifferently.

Pei Xi was sitting at the bar. She had just made a cup of black coffee and was stirring it with a metal spoon.

Pei Xi asked mysteriously, "it seems to me that the property you're looking at is the Mediterranean Palace."

Pei Huai replied, "yes, you're right."

Pei Xi's hand that was stirring the coffee paused, "really? You're really buying it?"

The Mediterranean Palace was a place where all the world's richest people had their eyes on.

The scenery there was beautiful, the air was pleasant, and the facilities were perfect. It was high-tech and luxurious, a symbol of absolute status.

The main reason Pei Huai wanted it was because it was close to the lychee manor.

It was clear that it was Su Ji's birthday gift.

It's a bit tacky to give her a house. He didn't know if she would like it.

He had been thinking about it for a long time. He felt that he could not surpass the birthday gift that Su Ji gave him no matter what he gave her.

The difference was too great.

Pei Xi finished her coffee in one gulp, "cough cough...wait, isn't that too much?"

Pei Song, who happened to pass by, added, "if you two don't get married, there's no way you can end this, right?"

Pei Huai replied, "it's just a gift for her. There are no conditions."

Pei Xi teased Pei Song, "do you know why you're still single? It's because you're not rich enough!"

Pei Song agreed. He then turned to look at Pei Qingshen, who had just returned from the backyard, "grandpa, someone is going to empty your house."

Pei Qingshen was obviously sad again after watching the moon in the courtyard. He shook his head and pointed at them, "money is like floating clouds to me. My biggest dream in life is to be my great-grandchildren's favorite person. I'm leaving all this money for them..."

Pei Xingxing seemed to have heard of a business opportunity. He ran to his great-grandfather's feet and hugged his leg. "Grandpa, I'm your great-grandson. Can you give me all the money?"

He also wanted to use this money to pursue Su Ji!

Pei Qingshen bent down and touched his little face, looking at him calmly. "You're almost four years old. I'm talking about a newborn great-grandchild."

Pei Xi's beautiful eyes narrowed. When she heard this, she felt tired. Bill had not let her rest for a single day.

Originally, after the commercial shoot, his management company had asked him to go back and discuss a new project, but he had turned it down.

He didn't even care about his career at this point.

Pei Xi had the foresight to quickly bring the topic back to his third brother. "There are still a few months before Su Ji's birthday. Why did you buy it now? I heard that the housing prices there are at their peak."

"It's already too late," Pei Huai was calmly dealing with an official business on his phone. "The renovation will take at least 20 years, and the fastest is to shorten it to 5 years. It'll be barely presentable in a few months."

Pei Xi recalled the interior design of a palace she had seen in a magazine, "you're such a perfectionist."

Pei Song placed his arm on the side of the bar, raised his eyebrows, and smiled, "when the renovation is done, I think you can use it as your wedding venue."

Pei Huai's fingers didn't stop typing on the keyboard. His tone was calm as he said, "the house is for her. As for whether she'll let me move in or not, it'll be up to her."

Everyone in the room was impressed by his words.

That included Pei Xingxing.

After signing the contract, Pei Huai asked Shen Mu in the message,

["Update on the person I asked you to find?"]

["I've found a few key suspects. I'll send them to you now?"]

Pei Huai's expression was slightly tense. He put aside the property information and sat on the rattan chair, unmoving.

"Do it."

Chapter 286 Su Ji's New Business

Then, he received a few messages. A bunch of information about different women were sent over.

Pei Huai opened them one by one, his thin lips slightly pursed.

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With just a glance, he knew that his girlfriend would not like any of those women.

[Pei Huai: "Continue looking."]

When he found her, he would give her the pair small lion statues that had been sealed away.

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When Xu Ni entered Su Ji's room, she invited him to get on the bed.

She also asked him to fill the teapot with water, get some food, wash them, and put them on the small table.

When that was done, Xu Ni seemed to have realized something and asked in annoyance, “you asked me to come here just to order me around?”

“No, I really have something to ask you,” Su Ji smiled and took a bite of a java apple.

It was really crunchy.

Xu Ni felt that she was setting a trap for him, so he was quite vigilant, “tell me then.”

“How many years have you been smoking?” Su Ji asked.

“Four or five years,” Xu Ni replied.

Su Ji glanced at him. He was not that old.

“What’s so surprising? Many around me all started smoking at the same age as me.”

Su Ji nodded, “a seasoned smoker.”

Xu Ni replied, “not really. I know others who need more than one packet a day.”

Su Ji seemed to be quite satisfied with this number.

She took another bite of the java apple and reached into her pocket with her other hand. “Why did you smoke in the first place? Because you don’t want to live anymore?”

“???”

“Who would choose to kill themselves by smoking? It’s too slow! There must be something troubling you, right?”

Xu Ni didn’t know whether he was angry or tempted, but he also took a java apple and took a bite.

Su Ji pointed to another java apple with her chin, “the one you took isn’t sweet. The one beside is.”

Xu Ni took the one she was pointing at and took a bite. The juice flowed out, and his eyes widened.

It was really sweet!

Su Ji smiled at his expression. He seemed like a child who had been raised in the city and had not seen much of the world. She continued to talk about serious business, “aren’t you worried that smoking is bad for your health?”

Xu Ni replied, “I’ll definitely be worried when I cough or feel pain in my lungs...”

“And also when I let my thoughts run wild in the middle of the night.”

Su Ji said, “if there are substitute cigarettes that are not bad for the body, but are a little more expensive. Would you buy them?”

“Of course,” Xu Ni replied and frowned, “you mean those electronic cigarettes? Those are not real cigarettes, it’s different when you smoke it. It’s pointless.”

Su Ji had never heard of e-cigarettes before. She immediately took out something from her pocket and slammed it on the table.

“Try this. Does it look like the one you usually smoke?”

Xu Ni looked down at the table. It was a white cigarette.

It was handmade, but it was very delicate. He picked it up with a suspicious look and sniffed it. Anyway, for a smoker like him who had been smoking for four or five years, he could identify the smell of cigarette smoke and sense a little sweetness...was it strawberry-mint flavored?

He took it in his mouth. Before he lit it, he asked Su Ji, “is this a contraband item?”

Although he was rebellious, he was law-abiding.

Su Ji replied, “don’t worry. It’s legal.”

Xu Ni lit the cigarette doubtfully and tasted it. “Isn’t this a strawberry-mint-flavored cigarette?”

Su Ji smiled mysteriously before she revealed the secret behind it. “I mixed a total of 101 herbs that are beneficial to the body in this. There is no trace of tobacco at all. Not only is it not harmful to the body, but it is also therapeutic.”

Hearing that, Xu Ni’s expression changed.

He was so shocked that he couldn’t speak at all!

He took another puff, “are you sure this isn’t a cigarette?”

Su Ji’s gaze was firm, “no.”

Xu Ni rubbed his legs with excitement. “Interesting!”

He didn’t expect that she knew how to invent strange things besides having medical skills.

Xu Ni was starting to like her.

However, when Su Ji said the next sentence, his smile disappeared.

Su Ji said, “50,000 yuan a box, with 10 sticks inside.”

Xu Ni coughed.

He directly snuffed out the cigarette with his finger. “I’m good. I’ll just smoke the cancer-causing substances.”

“Don’t be in a hurry to reject me,” Su Ji put the cigarette back into his mouth and lit it for him. “I’m here to talk business with you. Not only do you not have to spend money, but you might even earn some.”

A flame ignited. Xu Ni couldn’t help but take another puff.

Boss Su had a new idea for business.

She couldn’t sell her herbs in winter. In the first half of the month, she felt quite relaxed without anything to do, but now she couldn’t sit still.

She sat cross-legged in front of Xu Ni, “you often go to nightclubs and have a lot of bad friends. Help me recommend them to your friends and I’ll let you have them for free. We’ll split the money from selling the cigarettes 9 to 1.”

No wonder she was asking if his friends smoked. This woman was quite smart. Xu Ni understood and asked directly, “I’ll take 1?”

Su Ji nodded, “I’ll take 99 and you’ll take 1.”

Xu Ni thought she was being too harsh, “99? What do you mean by that?”

Su Ji replied, “I’ll take 99% of the revenue and you get 1%.”

“F * ck! I won’t do it!”

Su Ji didn’t give in, “I need to bear the costs, but you’re making a profit.”

Xu Ni narrowed his eyes.

However, after careful calculation, one percent of 50,000 yuan was 500 yuan.

Although he didn’t lack the money, it would save him a lot of money if he could smoke them for free. So he reluctantly agreed, “alright...I’ll try it... I don’t know if I can sell them, and everyone might want to try it at first, but if they go back to normal cigarettes, then...”

Su Ji replied, “don’t worry. After smoking mine, you won’t want to smoke anything else.”

She was very confident in this, but she didn’t have the time to promote it and lacked a middleman, but Xu Ni was smart.

After Xu Ni finished smoking, he picked up the remaining java apple on the fruit plate and took a bite while thinking. The next second, he felt an intense sourness in his mouth.

It was raw!

However, why did Su Ji’s words sound more and more suspicious?

Moreover, Su Ji’s method of taking her business to nightclubs...He had definitely seen it on the law channel before!

He looked at Su Ji, and Su Ji seemed to be able to read his mind. She gave him a look that said, “don’t worry, I learnt it from the big boss.”

Su Ji put her hand on his shoulder, as if they were working together, “this can help you quit smoking. It’s good for your health, so it’s a good thing.”

Xu Ni sighed. He still felt that he had been tricked. However, at this point, he would give some more constructive advice. “I suggest you add a few more flavors. I have more male friends, and they don’t usually like strawberry flavor.”

Su Ji smiled again, “don’t worry, I have a few flavors. I specifically got you the strawberry-flavored ones...”

"I thought you'd like it," she said mysteriously.

Xu Ni's face turned red as if his thoughts were completely exposed, "why would I like such a feminine flavor?"

His favorite food was strawberries, and the small towels he secretly used at home also had strawberry patterns on them.

The two of them were chattering on the bed, and a sneaky figure was hiding under the wall not far from their room.

Chapter 287 Master Pei's Face is Red

The person was looking into Su Ji's room from behind the wall. The person could not hear what they were talking about, but saw two figures reflected in the window.

They were sitting very close to each other.

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One had short hair and one had long hair, pushing and shoving each other, laughing.

Then, the person took out a phone and took a few pictures.

Looking at the pictures alone, it seemed like one was pushing the other down.

On a night in the countryside, these photos were very scandalous.

Not only that, but a few minutes later, that person also took a picture of Xu Ni coming out of Su Ji's room and Su Ji standing at the door to see him off.

"How shameless!"

The person rebuked in a low voice, full of disdain.

After the business discussion, Su Ji sent Xu Ni out with satisfaction. The moment she turned around and returned to the room, she squinted her eyes at the corner of the wall in the distance.

There was clearly something there just now, but it was gone.

She stood at the door, then went back to the room to get some water, washed her face, and went to bed.

Instead of finding out who it was, it was better to wait for the person to make the first move. It would be easier for her.

Lying on the bed, she unlocked her phone and saw Pei Huai's WeChat message, asking her how the deal was going.

Su Ji pointed back.

[Su Ji: "Don't you know how powerful your girlfriend is?"]

Pei Huai chuckled when he received the reply.

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The next morning, all the roosters in the village started to crow almost at the same time.

A few minutes later, the sound of people walking around and drawing water to wash their faces could be heard.

Su Ji yawned lazily and turned over on her bed. She picked up her phone and saw that there was no news. Everything was calm as if she had seen wrong last night.

Even though she knew it wasn't.

Pei Huai had sent her a new message this morning.

["Are you up?"]

["Seems like you're not."]

["It's time to get up. Otherwise, you won't have time to eat breakfast."]

["Tell me before you return to the city in the afternoon."]

Who said that Master Pei didn't like to talk?

He was already talking to himself.

Su Ji replied.

["Yes, I'll take a picture of my breakfast."]

["Good girl."]

Su Ji did not notice the smile on her face. She put her phone into her pocket, got out of bed, and started to wash up.

Fortunately, she was just in time for breakfast.

She did as she said and really took a picture of her breakfast. Then, for some reason, it became a video call.

She was wearing a white shirt today. It was an outfit that the team had prepared for her.

The first two buttons of his shirt were unbuttoned. He was wearing suit pants with a belt. He looked very stylish.

On the other end of the line, Pei Huai was already in the car on the way to the office. His tone was very gentle when he spoke to her, but her simple breakfast made her rich boyfriend frown.

At first, no one paid attention to her, but when she spoke, she would subconsciously soften her tone, which was different from her usual tone.

She didn't notice when a fangirl came to her side.

"Su Ji, who are you video-calling?"

Su Ji paused for a moment and pressed the phone to her chest to block the screen from being seen, "...my dad."

Seeing this, the fangirl knew that she had disturbed her. She smiled awkwardly and walked to the side to have her breakfast.

A few tables further away, Zhou Xuefang was staring at Su Ji with an unreadable expression.

Su Ji waited for more than a minute until everyone's attention returned to the food. Only then did she remove the phone from her chest.

Pei Huai didn't hang up and was still waiting.

However, his cold and pale skin looked red.

Su Ji asked, "what's wrong with you? Are you feeling uncomfortable?"

"..."

Pei Huai's voice was tight, deep and hoarse, "nothing. I'm almost there. Talk to you later."

"Okay."

Today's scene was to be shot in the countryside.

It was winter, and the ground looked cold and dry. They could still see the layer of snow from two days ago.

During the shooting, Huang Huayu stood in the field and took a deep breath of the sweet countryside air, feeling rather emotional.

Even Han Junlei could not help but tease him, "are you homesick?"

Huang Huayu's hometown was also in the countryside.

However, he was not like Zhou Xuefang. He was proud of his hometown. He turned to look at him with tears in his eyes. "Yeah, it's been a long time since I last went back."

Han Junlei smiled. He had been more soft-hearted recently, especially with Huang Huayu. The relationship between the two was not bad.

Huang Huayu then asked Su Ji, "have you tried the fruits here?"

"I ate java apples yesterday," Su Ji said. "It's quite sweet."

Huang Huayu gave her a look. "Next time, I'll bring you the ones from my hometown. They're sweeter than the ones here!"

Su Ji had always been very interested in his hometown. "Assistant Director Huang, the soil quality in your hometown must be very good. If there's a chance, I'd like to go with you to your hometown."

She wanted to get some stock, but Zhou Xuefang, who was next to her, gave her a sidelong glance.

Huang Huayu laughed heartily, "it's just that my hometown is a little far from here. Otherwise, I would have taken you guys back to my hometown for this shoot."

When the crew heard this, they quickly chimed in, "aiya, wouldn't it be better if we go to Assistant Director Huang's hometown to shoot next time?"

"I also want to go!"

"Me too!"

Huang Huayu was elated, "there will be a chance next time."

Zhou Xuefang glared at the vixens. When her phone rang, she immediately went to the side to answer it.

It was a call from Chen Jing, and her tone was filled with excitement that she had not felt for a long time.

It was as if she had won the lottery.

"Xiaoxue! You know the show 'Evening's Warmth', right?"

Zhou Xuefang was expressionless, "of course. It's Ms. Lan's talk show that only invites superstars. It's really popular."

Chen Jing said, "they are going to invite one woman from each age group for an interview..."

Zhou Xuefang had been hit by a series of blows recently and she had lost her patience to listen to her, "what are you trying to say? I'm about to start filming..."

Chen Jing was patient, "the celebrity from the 25+ age group has already been decided. It's your idol, Sonya!"

Zhou Xuefang blinked, "really? Then I'll go back and take a look."

However, Chen Jing had even better news. "They are still thinking about who to invite for the 20+ age group. Sonya suggested that they invite someone from Kyokushin, her alma mater..."

Zhou Xuefang's expression was dark, "don't tell me it's Su Ji again?"

Chen Jing smiled, "it's you! Sonya said she watched 'The Billion Stars' and specifically said she'll give you a chance!"

Zhou Xuefang's hand, which was still holding the phone, froze. Her eyes were ablaze.

Chen Jing continued, "I heard that the star from the 30+ age group has also been confirmed. She's a movie queen who retired a few years ago. The director personally described her to me. A super sophisticated woman, a queen! But they wanted to keep it a secret. She's the heavyweight guest that will only be announced on the day itself. They said that we'll definitely go crazy when we see her. She's a top-tier celebrity!"

Chen Jing took a deep breath, "you must grasp this opportunity!"

Chapter 288 Troublemakers!

When they got back, it was dark, and they parted ways after a small meeting.

Pei Huai brought Su Ji back to the Pei family's house. Su Ji said that she wanted to go home and take a shower first.

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There was no way to wash it in the village.

Pei Huai replied, "go to my room to wash up later."

"Alright," Su Ji said.

When they arrived at the Pei family's house, Pei Huai watched as the servants prepared the bath for Su Ji and patiently told her how to adjust the water temperature. Then, Su Ji took a bath while Pei Huai went to the study.

When Su Ji came out of the shower, Pei Huai was also out. The dining table was filled with delicious food and drinks.

She arrived late and the Pei family had already eaten, so the food was all for her.

Pei Huai washed his hands, peeled a plate of prawns for her, cut up the steak, and let her eat. He still had to attend an online meeting.

He paused the meeting to serve her.

Su Ji laughed, "what are you going to do after this?"

Pei Huai's gaze swept across the table, making sure that he had not missed out on anything.

He patted her head in relief, "I'm not done serving you."

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The Pei family was now used to seeing Su Ji there.

"You're back," Pei Xi sat beside her with a cup of coffee in her hand.

Su Ji put a piece of steak into her mouth and pulled out the chair beside her, "yes, I just came back."

Pei Xi sat down and took a deep breath before sipping her coffee and asking her about the filming progress.

The two women chatted happily.

Pei Xi had already eaten dinner. She just wanted to chat with her for a while, but in the end, she finished an entire steak.

"It's better than my husband's cooking," she said as she ate.

She said to Su Ji, "don't be nervous when you meet our parents."

Su Ji asked, "they are...very easy-going?"

"Em.." Pei Xi tapped her chin, "how do I put it?"

“They respect Pei Huai’s opinion, so you don’t have to worry.”

Su Yi was silent for two seconds, “sure.”

In the Shang Dynasty, two people would meet each other’s parents before they got together. This was a very important part.

Su Ji saw a lot of new messages appearing in her group chat.

Su Ji glanced at the screen and saw two things being frequently mentioned.

“Tonight’s Warmth”

“Zhou Xuefang.”

Then, she saw the headline that popped up on the Internet. “The crew of ‘Tonight’s Warmth’ had officially announced the second female guest in the 20+ age group, Zhou Xuefang.”

[Pan Lian: “F * ck, Xuefang is really lucky this time. I still think Su Ji is more qualified.”]

[Meng Na: “I heard that Sonya personally recommended her.”]

[Tao: “She even said that she likes her the most in The Billion Stars.”]

[Pan Lian: “Is Sonya’s taste that bad?”]

[Meng Na: “Maybe Sky Entertainment helped?”]

[Pan Lian: “Come on, it’s not like we haven’t worked with Sky Entertainment before. Do they have this ability?”]

[Pan Lian: “The female star representing the 30+ age group will be a super big shot! Zhou Xuefang is winning big time without doing anything!”]

Pei Xi glanced at her screen and smiled comfortingly, “don’t take it seriously. The crew didn’t choose you because they had no foresight.”

“I don’t mind,” Su Ji smiled. “But they said there is a big shot attending. I only care about that person.”

She only cared about the top ten richest people.

Pei Xi took a plate of dessert. “I’ve heard about this as well, but they are very tight-lipped. By the way, ‘Tonight’s Warmth’ is also aired on Lychee TV. Don’t you have a friend doing an internship there? You can ask her.”

Su Ji nodded and found her sweetheart, Dong Xiyu, on WeChat. Her profile picture was a grapefruit.

Then, the WeChat name was also “A grapefruit”.

She typed a short message and sent it over, and a reply came after ten minutes.

[A grapefruit: “I’m sorry, I just had a meeting.”]

[A grapefruit: “I asked Director Liang about the guest, but he only said this...”]

[A grapefruit: "Don't ask. She has a big backer behind her.]

Dong Xiyou followed up with a crying emoji with its hands outstretched.

She felt that she had not helped much.

Su Ji simply replied with a kissing emoji.

Although Dong Xiyou didn't know who that person was, Su Ji was now even more interested...

Later, before they left the Pei family house after dinner, Su Ji left a pack of cigarettes for Pei Xi, "help me pass this on to Pei Song."

Pei Xi looked at the cigarette and then at Su Ji, "what's this?"

Su Ji replied, "it's a new product. Ask him to help me try it. It's good for the body."

Xu Ni had been smoking for four or five years, but Pei Song was definitely a hardcore smoker.

Su Ji was a perfectionist.

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The next day, Su Ji spent half a day with the crew and half a day at Blue Whale.

There was one last thing left to do for the commercial. There would be a short rap in the commercial in the later stage. They had received a nice piece of music, and it was Ke Tou who recorded it. He wanted Su Ji, who was the spokesperson, to sing that part with the others.

It was just a short segment, so it was not difficult. Usually, one afternoon should be enough time, so Pei Xi helped Su Ji apply for a leave of absence from the crew.

It was a good plan, but the filming in the morning had been delayed, so Su Ji only arrived at Blue Whale at three in the afternoon.

Su Ji and Pei Xi saw Ke Tou outside.

"I'm sorry I'm late."

"You're finally here," Ke Tou had just come out of the room with an anxious look on his face.

"We came as soon as we finished. Su Ji didn't even have time to change out of her costume." Pei Xi was swift and decisive. "Let's go to the recording studio now. There's still time. She has a job tomorrow and the day after, so she's only free this afternoon."

"But..." Ke Tou looked at Su Ji who was wearing a white t-shirt and sweatpants. He looked even more embarrassed, "there is a problem with the two male rappers..."

"Pei Xi and Su Ji looked at each other, "what problem?"

Ke Tou found it hard to speak up. After all, he was the one who selected them.

He hesitated for a long time before saying, "it's just...emotional issues..."

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The lounge in Blue Whale was specially made for the actors and staff to relax.

It was Su Ji's first time there.

It was very spacious inside.

There was a large indoor basketball court that was brightly lit, and the sound of shoes rubbing against the plastic floor could be heard from time to time.

At 3 o'clock in the afternoon, there were not many people in the basketball court. The seats were empty. There were only two boys in black t-shirts playing in the court. They were playing intensely, and their t-shirts were soaked with sweat. The two of them lifted their clothes to wipe their sweat, and their big gold chains were shining.

Ke Tou pointed at the two of them, "it's just the two of them. They arrived at 1 o'clock. When they heard that you weren't here yet, they were so upset. After waiting for an hour, they asked me who the spokesperson was. I said 'Su Ji', thinking that it would be easier if they were her fans...but after hearing that they came straight to the basketball court and played until now!"

"I came to call them just now and told them that you'd be here soon. But this time, they said that they had no inspiration and couldn't sing. I asked them when they could do it, and they said after they're done with this..."

Pei Xi had been in the entertainment industry for so many years, and she had never seen a newcomer who would put on such a show. She lost her temper and said, "this is such a small matter. Where did you find such troublemakers?"

Ke Tou was also in a difficult position, but when Su Ji saw the face of one of the two boys, she smiled.

She knew where he found them.

The one with a height of 1.8 meters, wearing a gold chain, and a black t-shirt was...Tong Le.

Chapter 289 Let Me Show You

Next to Tong Le was his rap partner.

The two of them grew up together. His partner's nickname was "Drums", and everyone in the underground music circle knew him as he played the drums very handsomely.

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Drums had just dunked, and when the ball went through the hoop, he noticed Su Ji.

Tong Le also saw her, and the two of them looked in their direction at the same time. They shook their heads, narrowed their eyes, and whistled.

He was a natural bastard.

Pei Xi was about to call someone. I must teach these two little rascals a lesson today!

Su Ji held her hand, "it's just a small matter. It's not that big of a deal."

“Young rappers are all like this, they all have a temper. They are not even afraid of me, let alone you.”

Pei Xi looked at him and said, “who has ever disrespected you like that?”

Ke Tou threw up his hands, “well, they claimed that they don’t have any inspiration.”

Pei Xi said, “then get someone else!”

Drums paused for a moment, and Tong Le gave him a look, telling him to calm down.

Sure enough. Ke Tou whispered into Pei Xi’s ear, “their songs are really good. I’ve listened to more than a hundred of them recently and I really like one of them. It’s perfect for the commercial. You know that I’ve always pursued perfection when it comes to Su Ji. Besides, you guys are only free this afternoon. We won’t even have time to change songs...”

“I’ll write it for you.”

Su Ji looked at the center of the court and said unhurriedly.

This time, Tong Le also almost tripped.

He remembered the song that Su Ji sang at the class gathering...

Ke Tou thought that this was a good idea, but Pei Xi advised Su Ji to think twice. The reason was straight to Su Ji’s heart, “it’s just a chorus. The copyright fees are very cheap.”

Su Ji didn’t feel like writing anymore.

She needed a quicker and simpler way.

Su Ji observed the two of them play for a while. She casually took a basketball from the basket beside her and spun it around her fingertips for a while to familiarize herself with the feel.

On the court, Tong Le jumped and shot with both hands.

The basketball hit the basket, spun around, and bounced off.

It didn’t go in.

“Tsk.” Tong Le shook his head, not too happy.

Drums said, “it’s fine. Again.”

“Swish...”

Just then, the sound of a basketball entering the basket came from above. Tong Le and Drums looked in the direction of the basketball at the same time.

Su Ji was standing outside the middle of the court. With a distance of almost half a basketball court between them, she steadily threw the basketball into the hoop in a beautiful parabola.

Ke Tou loved to play basketball with his friends too, but Su Ji’s move just now was really cool!

Pei Xi was clapping so hard that her hands hurt. She even whistled.

Drums was dumbfounded, but he shook his head and stood his ground. Su Ji was someone his partner didn't want to deal with, so she was also his enemy!

Su Ji took off her coat, revealing her plain white t-shirt. With one hand in her pocket, she lifted her chin at Tong Le and said in a playful tone, "look at me."

Tong Le said, "what do you mean?"

Su Ji asked, "you're going back to the recording studio after you're done?"

"Yeah!" Tong Le said.

Drums chimed in, "we'll decide when we're done."

Su Ji took out another basketball and played with it with one hand. She shook her head, "it's just the two of you, how is that fun?"

Tong Le narrowed his eyes, "you want to play with us?"

Drums immediately burst out laughing, "we don't bully women!"

Su Ji responded with ease, "I think you're just scared."

Sure enough, Tong Le was angered by her, "sure. How about this, if you can beat me, I'll not only do whatever you ask, but also record for free!"

He raised an eyebrow at his partner, "what do you say?"

"Whatever you say."

Su Ji liked their annoying attitude, "that's boring. Blue Whale doesn't need your money."

It was boring to slap people in the face again and again. If Su Ji wanted to play, she would play big.

She said, "if you lose, not only will you have to obediently go back to the studio, but you two will also have to record a video and apologize to me. You'll have to post it on TikTok. Do you dare?"

Tong Le laughed. The male's competitive spirit was stimulated, and he forgot about the PTSD Su Ji gave him a while ago.

"Alright!" He added, "if I lose, not only will I record a video, but I'll also call you 'boss' when I see you in the future! I'll do whatever you want me to do!"

Su Ji slowly smiled, "that's great."

Even Bill had never stimulated Pei Xi that much.

However, she heard Su Ji say, "give me five minutes to learn."

Pei Xi: "..."

Ke Tou: "..."

Even the two jerks on the field were speechless.

She didn't even know how to play?

And she wanted to play against them after learning for five minutes?

Was she kidding?

However, if Si Jingchuan were here, he would know that his boss' words were no stranger to him. What followed was often very terrifying.

Su Ji found a video of an official basketball game and watched it for three minutes. She spent the remaining two minutes learning the rules of the game.

It was enough to deal with those two bastards.

Tong Le: "1v1 or 2v2?"

Pei Xi glanced at Ke Tou, "if it was a 2v2, Su Ji would definitely have an easier time."

Ke Tou did feel like playing too. He often played a few games with his friends despite being in his 30s.

He patted Su Ji with confidence, "go 2v2 with him. I will show you what I got."

Su Ji did not agree immediately. She said, "let's try it first."

Tong Le and Drums didn't have any objections.

The four of them had a trial run.

Five minutes later, the trial ended.

Su Ji was blocked by Ke Tou the entire time, which caused Tong Le and Drums to score a goal.

"..."

She turned to Ke Tou and pointed to the outside of the court, "you can leave now. It'll be a 1v1."

She didn't want to carry him.

Ke Tou: "..."

Pei Xi pulled Ke Tou out of the court, and Tong Le turned around to bump his shoulder with Drums. He looked at Su Ji with a smile as he walked, "I'll go."

His pride was overflowing.

After the trial just now, he was even more certain that he would win.

After a short rest, the 1v1 match between Su Ji and Tong Le officially began!

There was also a time limit, so the game was only 15 minutes long.

Su Ji dribbled the ball, and Tong Le waited for the opportunity.

In the beginning, he even taunted Su Ji.

But soon, Su Ji showed him how nimble she was after Ke Tou left.

Su Ji, who was wearing a white t-shirt, moved as fast as lightning. She turned sideways to avoid Tong Le's block. Her movements were clean and agile. Tong Le shook his head left and right, but before he could see where she was, Su Ji took a shot.

"Swish..."

The ball went into the hoop.

Su Ji easily took the lead.

Tong Le: "..."

Drums, who was sitting on a basketball in the distance: "..."

While they were still in a daze, Su Ji once again scored, which caught them off guard.

The basketball under Drums' butt slipped, and he fell to the ground.

Pei Xi, on the other hand, burst out in a shrill scream as she looked at her sister-in-law.

In an instant, Su Ji's body was radiating light!

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A few minutes later, when Su Ji scored again and again, Tong Le's scalp went numb and he almost collapse.

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His PTSD was triggered again...

This wasn't a 1v1 at all. This was Su Ji going on a killing spree!

While he was panicking, Su Ji was getting more and more comfortable.

After taking off her jacket, she was wearing a short-sleeved white t-shirt. The temperature in the basketball stadium was just right, and since they were playing basketball, they didn't feel cold at all even though it was winter.

Her slender and fair arms revealed her toned muscles after an exercise.

There was a thin layer of sweat on her forehead.

She already smelled good, but her sweat made her smell even better.

Tong Le was dumbfounded. She could sing better than him, open beer bottles better than him, and even play basketball better than him???

Su Ji was not a woman at all...no, she was not even human!

Drum's reaction was different from his. Instead, he was...love-struck!

His gaze was unable to leave Su Ji, and two clusters of flames were dancing in his eyes.

She's pretty and provocative, amazing!

No man could resist a girl who knew how to play basketball!

From this moment on, he had forgotten about his good friend not getting along with Su Ji!

Pei Xi was extremely excited, her eyes never leaving Su Ji. She followed her while sending a voice message to Pei Huai.

"Are you free now?"

A minute later, she received a reply.

"I have three meetings today."

Pei Xi replied, "that's a pity. Su Ji is playing basketball. She's so cool. I was thinking of showing you."

Three seconds after she sent the voice message, Pei Huai's video call invitation popped up...

Pei Xi chuckled.

The game didn't even last 15 minutes and Tong Le admitted defeat.

Pei Xi ruthlessly hung up the video call and stepped forward to put her arm around Su Ji's shoulder.

Pei Huai, who was recording the video on the other end: "..."

Ke Tou gave water to Su Ji like a fanboy.

Su Ji's fingers brushed her long hair, "let's take the video now. Don't waste time."

Tong Le wiped his face. He was very tired.

Where did this person come from?

He couldn't escape from filming the video. With Su Ji and Pei Xi around, no one could go back on their word.

Moreover, it was Ke Tou who was recording them. He had studied photography before, so he knew how to take a good video.

In the video, Su Ji was standing on the left with her arms crossed casually, while Tong Le and Drums were standing on the right with their heads lowered, like children who were punished at school.

"Boss, we are sorry. From now on, you're our boss. We'll do whatever you say."

"We were young and frivolous. Please guide us."

"You're the absolute coolest."

"..."

After they were done, Su Ji looked at the recording.

Ke Tou asked, "how is it?"

Su Ji nodded, “not bad. You took a pretty good angle of me.”

“You’re good-looking, so you’ll look good in any angle.”

Su Ji clicked “send” in satisfaction. Her TikTok had been updated!

Tong Le sighed, as if he had seen the end of his life.

However, Drums did it willingly. He would even prefer to call her “baby” instead of “boss”.

The group went to the recording studio. He secretly bumped shoulders with Tong Le, “she’s your classmate, right? ”

Tong Le grinned, “why?”

Drums went straight to the point, “I want to date her!”

“What?” Tong Le said, “you want to pursue Su Ji?”

Drums frowned, “why did you call her by her name? Didn’t you say that you’ll be calling her ‘boss’ in the future?”

Tong Le said, “she’s not even here now to check on us. Why bother?”

Guzi replied, “I’ll check on you.”

F * ck!

After taking a few more steps, he thought it was better to tell him, “don’t try to pursue her. It’s not going to work.”

“Why?” Drms was walking backward beside him, looking very casual.

Tong Le remembered that day when they were playing Truth or Dare, “I suspect that she has a boyfriend.”

Besides, this person didn’t look like she could be single.

Drums held his head with his hands behind his back, “I thought you were going to say she likes women. So what if she has a boyfriend? I’m sure his boyfriend isn’t as handsome or as energetic as I am.”

Tong Le glanced at him and didn’t say anything.

The group returned to the recording studio at four in the afternoon and finished filming at five.

The two boys were very cooperative, and Drums even served Su Ji food and drinks and called her “boss” every single time.

Pei Xi then sent a WeChat message to Pei Huai.

[“Someone wants to woo Su Ji.”]

[Pei Huai: “Send me photos.”]

Pei Huai took a picture of Drums and sent it to him.

This time, it was only a second before Pei Huai replied.

[“Let them have fun. I’m going to a meeting.”]

Pei Xi: “...”

She tilted her head and looked at the photo for a while. It seemed that he was a lot worse than her brother.

At five o’clock sharp, the group left the recording studio. Ke Tou stayed behind and started to edit the recording.

The effect was more explosive than he had imagined.

Tong Le and Drums’ voices harmonized very well with Su Ji’s. Tong Le and Su Ji were the main rappers while Drums was the lead singer. It was a very catchy song.

Pei Huai asked Pei Xi to bring Su Ji to a nice dinner. Pei Xi thought that her brother did not care about his love rival anyway, so she asked Tong Le and Drums to come along.

The four of them booked a private room and Pei Xi ordered a table full of dishes.

Tong Le and Drums’ first reaction after sitting down was to take out their phones and look for Su Ji’s profile on TikTok.

The humiliating video had only been out for slightly more than an hour, and it already received more than 500,000 likes.

Tong Le clearly saw that one of the likes was from his uncle, Tong Yingjie!

New comments kept popping up.

The most popular comments were from celebrities.

[Si Jingchuan: “Who are these two guys?”]

[Xu Ni: “Your successors.”]

The fans screamed and wondered who they should be shipping this time.

[“Just look at how many weird videos Su Ji has!”]

[“Other female celebrities take selfies, photos of scenery and posting about drama, but Su Ji posts about calligraphy, videos of others apologizing to her and a typo.”]

Everyone was chatting happily. There were many people who recognized Tong Le and Drums.

[“Tong Le? Isn’t this the one who commented that Su Ji’s singing was bad? He finally apologized, hahahaha!”]

[“I’ll be honest with you, the way Drums play is really cool!!”]

[“I didn’t expect them to hang out in private. The entertainment industry is fascinating!!”]

[“They are under Su Ji now!!”]

Although Tong Le was in despair, when he returned to his TikTok account, he saw that he had gained hundreds of thousands of followers in an hour because of this video!

He was speechless...