Hidden 1051

Chapter 1051: Extremely Jealous

"I'm alright. I've been sleeping. How do you feel?" Lu Tingxiao asked.

Ning Xi shook her head, then looked into his eyes. "Lu Tingxiao, do you have something you're not telling me?"

Actually, she realized that Lu Tingxiao had been hiding something from her ever since they had returned. She could tell that something was not right from his reaction earlier even though he hid it very well.

Lu Tingxiao remained silent.

Ever since their return, he could not ignore what the silver-haired man said no matter how hard he tried.

"At a time when she felt the most dejected, sorry, hopeless and painful, I took her in and taught her the skills necessary for her to survive...

"She belongs to the same world as me...

"The world is vast, but in the end, she will realize where she belongs..."

Was it truly where she belonged?

He tried his best to convince himself but he could not.

He was jealous!

Jealous of that man!

Extremely jealous!

He was jealous of their past, of their extraordinary relationship...

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Lu Tingxiao looked thoroughly uncomfortable. Although he was under the sunlight right now, it was obvious that he was rapidly freezing up. The thought of losing Ning Xi wrapped him up in layers of icy chill...

"Ning Xi...will you ever leave me?" Lu Tingxiao finally asked the girl in front of him, his eyes full of sorrow. He was afraid that she would leave him anytime.

What he received as a reply was a huge, warm hug. The girl's warm, slender body wrapped him tightly, melting the ice...

Ning Xi thought that it was something really severe and was speechless when she heard him.

But she felt heartache for him as well, so she hugged him even tighter. "Why do you think I've been working so hard? It's all to be with you, so I can marry you with pride, alright?"

It was all done so I can stay in your world...

Being with Lu Tingxiao was her life's biggest blessing, yet also her biggest gamble...

She knew that she should not have, but she fell. She fell deeper and deeper into him...

The next moment, Ning Xi pushed Lu Tingxiao down. With ferocious eyes, she said, "Lu Tingxiao, why are you asking me this? I'm warning you! You're the one who seduced me, you're the one who charmed me! If one day you dare to betray me..."

While Ning Xi was threatening him, her heart was smiling. Even if one day he really did betray her, she probably could not bring herself to hurt him!

Without realizing it, she had found herself being entirely consumed by him...

The man stared at her. In his eyes was his world. "I would never betray my life."

The girl's eyes were full of determination as well. "Me too! Lu Tingxiao, I have two lives. One was when I was born, the other one was when I met you."

Lu Tingxiao's hand on her arm suddenly tightened.

The thunderstorm above them faded away and the sky cleared up...

Chapter 1052: He Needs Money

Under the warm sunlight, both of them lay on the bed quietly.

"Although the security of the place you're staying at right now is good, it can only hold off thieves and paparazzi..." Lu Tingxiao voiced out his thoughts.

Ning Xi replied with excitement. "Oh, about that! I was actually thinking of getting a new place! I looked through my savings lately and it's enough to get myself a little villa! I wanted to talk to you about this! Let's go and look at some houses soon?"

"Okay," Lu Tingxiao replied, "I'll help you take note of the ones suitable for you. I'll arrange the security system personally."

"Mmm!" Ning Xi nodded.

Lu Tingxiao gave it more thought but was still not very assured. "I'll let Tang Lang stay by your side. You need a bodyguard for your career as well."

Ning Xi was surprised. "Have Second Senior Brother as my bodyguard?"

From a company security guard to a private bodyguard...his job ranking was deteriorating. While the former role was as a little security guard, he was still working for an international company!

"He needs the money," said Lu Tingxiao.

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Okay, she had almost forgotten that Second Senior Brother's credit card had been blocked by First Senior Brother, pushing him to even become a security guard and a child's tutor to earn some money.

As long as it pays!

"Oh right, I almost forgot...I need two more people from you!" Ning Xi suddenly remembered the bunch of knives, bats, and the local specialties back in her house.

"Who?" Lu TIngxiao asked.

"Shi Xiao and Xiong Zhi. Is it okay?" Ning Xi checked.

"They went to look for you?" Lu Tingxiao had actually expected them to.

Ning Xi cleared her throat. "Well, there's no such thing as a free lunch!"

Lu Tingxiao thought about it. He did not plan to use the both of them again but they were capable. After what had happened the last time, they had become familiar with Ning Xi and the others might not be as responsible as them.

"Sure." Most importantly, how could he say no to his wife's request?

"Are you hungry?" Lu Tingxiao asked.

Ning Xi felt her stomach growling in response, so she nodded. "Very!"

"I'll go and check on the kitchen to see if our meal is ready."

"Mmm!"

After being sick for two days, Ning Xi still felt weak. Just as she was about to fall asleep again, her phone rang.

When she went out to get some soy sauce two days ago, she had not taken her phone with her, so Lu Tingxiao had probably brought it over for her.

It was Ling Zhizhi.

The moment Ning Xi saw Ling Zhizhi's name, her expression changed.

She was done for! Too many things had happened in the past two days. In addition to her sickness, she had forgotten that she was supposed to join a variety show programme today! The crew was supposed to travel to the old town beside the Shu River at 8 o'clock. It was already 7 o'clock now!

Ning Xi was fully awake as she picked up the phone. "Hello, Sis Zhizhi! I'm really sorry! I'm not feeling well and slept for two days straight but I just woke up. I'll be there immediately!"

"I was just about to tell you that the programme has been delayed," Ling Zhizhi said.

"Huh? Delayed?" Ning Xi was surprised.

"What happened? Did you say that you're sick? Are you alright?" Ling Zhizhi asked worriedly.

Ning Xi always had excellent work ethics. If her illness was not very serious, she would never have forgotten about the programme today.

"It's alright, it was just a fever. I feel much better now!"

"Are you alone at home now? Should I ask Xiao Tao to go over and take care of you?" Ling Zhizhi asked.

Chapter 1053: Fed By Little Treasure

"Oh! It's alright. I'm at my friend's place, so I'm being taken care of!" Ning Xi replied quickly.

"Okay then, let me know if anything happens. If it's serious, please go to the hospital," reminded Ling Zhizhi.

"Mmm, okay!"

"Rest well. I'm not sure when the programme will be delayed until. I'll arrange a cooking show for you after you recover. It's called 'Beauty's Specialties' and the venue is right here in Imperial. It should just take an afternoon. It's a pretty easy job."

"Alright, thank you, Sis Zhizhi!"

Ning Xi's tensed up muscles relaxed after the call ended and she curled back onto the bed, cuddling the soft pillow.

Although she should not think in such a way, it did feel great to hear that work was canceled when all she felt like doing was sleeping...

The door made a creaking sound as it was pushed open.

Little Treasure came in.

Ning Xi was refreshed when she saw her baby. "Ah...Little..."

Before she could finish her sentence, the little bun smashed the door close, then ran downstairs.

"Eh?" Ning Xi scratched her head while looking confused. What was wrong?

A while later, she heard footsteps coming up.

The little guy came in again with a bowl of porridge in his hands. He carefully walked towards the bed, then tried to feed her.

So, he had gone down to get her some breakfast...

Ning Xi was touched. She almost wanted to give him a big hug, but she did not as she was afraid he might get infected. "You're so sweet, baby...but I'm sick right now. I'm afraid that you might get infected. Can you let your father feed me instead?"

The little bun was still holding the spoon, looking very determined as if he was saying, "I'm not afraid of any sickness! I want to take care of Mommy!"

Lu Tingxiao came into the room with some snacks. "He's not that weak, let him feed you."

Ning Xi quickly gulped the porridge down. "Mmm, it's good..."

The little bun stood beside the bed and fed Ning Xi spoon by spoon as Lu Tingxiao sat on the bed and started peeling some oranges slowly.

When Lu Jingli and Jiang Muye came in, they saw a happy family existing in perfect harmony.

"Sister-in-law, are you feeling better? I think giving flowers are kind of outdated now, so I brought some vegetables from my yard for you!" Lu Jingli had a basket of fruits and vegetables with him.

Jiang Muye kept quiet while holding a bouquet of "outdated" flowers...

Jiang Muye rolled his eyes at Lu Jingli, then he put the flowers into a vase on the table. He looked at Ning Xi's pale face. "I didn't expect you'd get sick..."

Ning Xi replied, "As long as one is human, one can fall sick. So, the question is, am I not human now?"

"Sometimes you aren't..." Jiang Muye said.

"Sister-in-law, what happened? You're always as fit as a cow. How did you suddenly fall sick?" Lu Jingli asked suspiciously.

Fit like a cow...?

This stupid Lu Jingli! Couldn't he phrase it any better?

Ning Xi glared at him angrily. "I'm just a little shocked, alright?"

"What? Stop lying! What could shock you to the point of falling ill?" Lu Jingli did not believe it.

Ning Xi ignored him. She would rather maintain her image of being "fit like a cow" than tell them that she was afraid of ghosts.

Also, she decided that she would soon download a whole bunch of horror films with ghosts and watch all of it until she was not scared of them anymore!

Chapter 1054: Shamelessly

Laughter rang through the house as they spent time together mirthfully. A weak knock was heard at the door.

The person outside was...Lu Xinyan.

Ning Xi was surprised by the unexpected guest.

Lu Xinyan looked uncomfortable when she noticed Ning Xi's gaze. She cleared her throat. "I'm here to visit Little Treasure. I heard that you were sick, so I came by to see you at once... These tonics were gifts from others... Take them if you like..."

Although she said that she was here to visit Little Treasure, both Lu Jingli and Jiang Muye were really surprised.

Both of them did not know what had happened on the mountain. They only knew that Lu Xinyan really disliked Ning Xi, especially Lu Jingli, because Lu Xinyan always ranted to him about how Ning Xi had seduced Lu Tingxiao, and how only Guan Ziyao was worthy of Lu Tingxiao. She was obviously a hardcore fan of Guan Ziyao and a sworn enemy of Ning Xi...

But now, she had come to visit Ning Xi on her own and even brought some tonics too?

The sun would probably rise from the West tomorrow...

Did Xiao Xi Xi do anything shameless such as flirt with her?

"Thank you!" Ning Xi looked at the items Lu Xinyan brought. They were obviously hand-picked carefully for a sick person, but she did not mention anything and just thanked Lu Xinyan.

"Come over here, Little Treasure. Aunty's brought you some toys!" To avoid being awkward, Lu Xinyan went up to Little Treasure.

Ning Xi noticed that Lu Xinyan did not look well, so she asked, "Why are your eyebags so terrible?"

Lu Xinyan quickly rubbed her eyes and mumbled, "It's all your fault..."

Lu Jingli felt like this conversation was going in the wrong direction...

"Huh?" Ning Xi was confused.

"You didn't give me the franchising license, so I've to redo my proposal!" Lu Xinyan took out a small mirror and examined her face.

Ning Xi was surprised as she did not expect that Lu Xinyan had yet to give up.

Although it was cruel, she did not want her to invest more effort for nothing, so Ning Xi said, "But the five shops in Imperial are all taken. There were still two vacancies before, but we've signed the contract with someone else."

"What!? Gone? Even the last two?" Lu Xinyan was startled.

"Yes, both are gone," Ning Xi confirmed the bad news.

Lu Xinyan could not believe it. A short while later, she yelled, "How could it be!? I've spent a whole week redoing this proposal and I sacrificed a whole week of sleep! I've never been this serious before in my whole life! And now you're telling me that I've done all these for nothing?"

Ning Xi pinched the space between her eyebrows and looked at the girl in front of her. "Don't you even ask about the status of the situation before doing anything?"

"I...how would I know that it'd be signed so quickly?!" Lu Xinyan sounded a little guilty.

Ning Xi was speechless.

Now, she understood why this girl always made more and more losses in her business...

Lu Xinyan stared hard at Ning Xi. "I don't care! You said it yourself, as long as I treat this seriously and sincerely, Spirit Studio will accept me anytime! You cannot go back on your words! Moreover...I-I'm even calling you 'Cousin-sister-in-law' now! Can't you give me some leeway?"

Chapter 1055: A Cute Side

Cousin-in-law?

Lu Jingli and Jiang Muye remained silent.

Both of them were shocked to the core, especially Lu Jingli. This brat dared to call Ning Xi her cousin-in-law? When did this even happen? How much did he miss!?

Ning Xi blinked when she heard Lu Xinyan. "Oh, then you better stop calling me that."

"You... How could you do this to me?!" Lu Xinyan sputtered in frustration.

Ning Xi shrugged helplessly. "The issue can't be solved even if you call me that! I've signed the contract with others. They've already taken the products and the renovation is going on as we speak. There's order to everything. Even if your proposal is amazing, we can't do anything about it!"

Lu Xinyan just stood there sadly. "Is there really no way at all?"

Ning Xi looked at Lu Tingxiao. "Boss, do you have any ideas?"

Lu Xinyan also looked at Lu Tingxiao's direction, then she remembered that he was probably still angry with her about what happened the last time, so the chances of him helping her were pretty low...

Since his wife asked, Lu Tingxiao replied, "A large shopping complex is opening on the west side of the city. We can think of having another physical store there."

Just one short sentence and all problems were solved.

As expected of the boss!

Lu Xinyan's eyes brightened immediately. "Really? Then, I'll contact them about it. No one's taking this away from me! I found out about this first!"

Ning Xi smiled amusedly. "Yes, you found about it first. I'll reserve it for you."

"You said it now. Don't go back on your word! I'll go to settle the shop!" Lu Xinyan left a whole bunch of toys with Little Treasure, then ran off like the wind.

Lu Jingli was impressed. "Xiao Xi Xi, how did you do it? That brat Xinyan never had much patience. She always leaves things done halfway. I've never seen her so serious about anything before! It's as if she's become a different person!"

Ning Xi rolled her eyes at him. "Every girl has a cute side of their own. It just depends on whether she wants to show it to you or not."

"Well said!" Lu Jingli learned something new that day.

"Oh, Jiang Muye, Sis Zhizhi has arranged for a cooking show for me called 'Beauty's Specialties'. I've never really heard about it before. Do you know anything about this show?" Ning Xi asked.

Ling Zhizhi had probably picked this show because she knew Ning Xi was good at cooking. Plus, it was aligned with her public image as well.

Ning Xi's principle was to not give up any chances. She wanted to do her best in every task she received.

"Cooking show!?" Lu Jingli yelled before Jiang Muye could reply. He asked, "How will you guys deal with the props?"

"What props?" Ning Xi was puzzled.

"The dishes!" Lu Jingli explained.

Ning Xi replied, "How would I know...? I've watched several cooking shows before... If it tastes bad, then they'll throw it away. If it's alright, then they'll probably give it to the shooting crew. As for this show, I'm not quite sure about the programme, that's why I'm asking Jiang Muye!"

Chapter 1056: The Boss Won't Allow It!

Lu Jingli tried to justify himself, "Why give it to the crew? They don't need that tiny portion of food, do they? Bring it back for me! Do they invite different guests every time or is there just one permanent guest? Should I make you the permanent guest? You can just go every time as long as you bring me back the props! How does that sound?"

Ning Xi was speechless.

Jiang Muye glanced at Lu Jingli. "Don't even think about it. The show will request the male guest to finish everything the female guests make!"

Lu Jingli went to a corner to comfort himself as he mumbled, "How can the show be this cruel...?"

"It really is heartless," muttered Jiang Muye as he was reminded of something that brought up a painful expression on his face. "This show invites new guests every week and all of them are pretty girls. They rely on the girls to raise the show's ratings, but the dishes...all of them are disgusting! Don't ask me how I know about it!"

"How do you know?" Ning Xi and Lu Jingli asked at the same time.

Jiang Muye's mouth twitched as he pinched the area between his brows. "Aside from inviting one female guest, this show will also invite a male guest as the assistant and I went once."

"Then?" Ning Xi asked with excitement.

Jiang Muye looked like he was recalling a traumatic memory. "Like I told you just now, this show requests the male guest to finish everything the female guest makes, which means, even if it tastes like sheet, the male guest has to finish it!

"The female guest then was quite pretty, so I assumed that the dishes she made would have the same rating as her outlook, so I agreed to appear on the show. Who would have thought...?

"I was forced to eat all of the charcoal-like over-cooked roast pork. Plus, I had to lie and say that it tasted great! After that, I didn't eat roast pork for a whole year! Can you imagine the trauma it left me with?!"

Ning Xi rolled her eyes at him. "You deserved it!"

You just wanted to know the pretty girl at that time? Karma's a b*tch!

"Afterwards, I spoke to a few other male guests who had gone on the show before. We realized that the prettier the female guest is, the worse the food tastes. Most of the male guests are unwilling to go on this show again..."

Jiang Muye glanced at Ning Xi. "Well, if you're going to be in this show, I can find some time from my packed schedule and be the male guest just to support you!"

Lu Jingli was triggered by what he said. "Hey! Jiang Muye, you're evil! You're not being fair! As your boss, I'll never allow it! I've decided to go by myself!"

Lu Tingxiao remained silent.

The biggest boss of all felt invisible in front of them.

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Ning Xi recovered after a few days of rest at home.

Since it was a weekend and the weather was great, Ning Xi brought both the big bun and the little bun out for house-hunting.

However, there was a third wheel. Tang Lang accompanied them.

At the front yard, Tang Lang was ranting, "What is this!? People still use steel fences in this day and age? It can be taken down so easily!"

Ning Xi glanced at him curiously. "Then, how would you do it?"

"Infrared rays, of course! Bullets that fly out the moment people touch it! Instant kill!"

Ning Xi's mouth twitched. "This is China, alright!? China! No killing!"

Chapter 1057: Our Matrimonial Home

Lu Tingxiao thought about it, then said, "We can use the infrared rays, maybe improvise it a little."

"We can refer to The Louvre's security system. That's an awesome system..."

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The two men started discussing things she did not understand. Even the little bun joined in their discussion.

"Eh? Use the robots you made as guards? I like this idea! You're so talented, my student! As expected of my student!" Tang Lang felt proud.

They finally decided on a villa in the evening.

It was located in the outskirts, but not too far away from the city. The villa gave off a warm vibe and the gentle colors paired well with the retro Chinese design. Even the environment around was great too; there was a small garden, a swimming pool, and a greenhouse included. There was also a private butler, who would be on call anytime, fulfilling whatever the owner wished. A notable mention was a large peach farm elocated on a mountain nearby, and Lu Tingxiao had plans for enhancing the security system as well.

Ning Xi instantly signed the contract on the spot. The house was put under both Lu Tingxiao's and her

Ning Xi cheerfully pass the contract to Lu Tingxiao. "Darling, this'll be our matrimonial home in the future!"

Lu Tingxiao had a smile on his usually stony face. "Mm hmm."

The little bun's eyes brightened up. Were they getting married?! So, he could officially become her son?

Tang Lang was speechless. He was probably blinded at this point! He had followed them all day long, so his eyes would have sustained heavy damage even if they were not blinded now!

He thought about how he still had to face them like this every day and he wished that he would drop dead now. Earning money was not an easy task!

Damn you, Tang Ye! Give me back my credit card!

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At night, the happy family had dinner with Tang Lang.

Tang Lang thought that Ning Xi felt bad for him because she sent him off to the entrance when he was leaving after dinner.

"Second Senior Brother, I need your help for something!" Ning Xi stood in front of him with a serious expression.

"You need my help?" Tang Lang raised his eyebrows.

Ning Xi nodded. "Second Senior Brother, do you mind taking one more student in?"

Tang Lang was puzzled. "Another student? Who?"

"Me!" Ning Xi pointed at herself.

"What's wrong with you?" Tang Lang was really confused at this point.

This brat hated training the most, but now she was requesting him to train her?

"I'll pay you double," Ning Xi said in a sing-song voice.

"Boss, when are we starting?"

Ning Xi smiled, "I'll notify you!"

"What triggered you to do this?" Tang Lang looked at her suspiciously.

Ning Xi's smile faded. "A few days ago, Feng Jin 'invited' me over."

Tang Lang's expression changed as well. "It's much sooner than I thought... Then? What did he want?"

With Ning Xi looking as fit as a fiddle now, Lu Tingxiao must have reached her quickly.

Ning Xi's expression turned cold. "He probably wanted my life... Anyway, no matter what they are trying to do, I can't always rely on Lu Tingxiao's protection. I don't want him to always worry about me. Most importantly, I can't become his burden!"

Tang Lang remained silent.

Why the sudden display of affection!?

What happened to their happy conversation?

He should really look for Tang Ye for another fight and get his credit card back...

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Chapter 1058: Too Inhumane

Several days later, after being done with house hunting, she made sure that her health was fully recovered. She gave Ling Zhizhi a call to confirm that the programme would start the next day in the afternoon.

Jiang Muye wanted to join when he found out that Ning Xi was going to be on the show, but Lu Jingli stopped him with his authority as his boss.

"If I don't get to eat, neither do you!"

In the end, the male guest remain unchanged.

It was a male celebrity who was not very famous. He was a little chubby and usually took on comedic roles.

"Beauty's Specialties" was pretty popular when it had been newly released. Although many female celebrities made really disgusting food, that was exactly why it was popular. The scene where they showed the male guest eating the unidentifiable food was the highlight of the show. Clearly, the viewers enjoyed it.

Nevertheless, at the end of the day, it was still a cooking show. The production team went too far in order to get higher ratings that the viewers became bored with the gimmick of having pretty celebrities prepare bad food.

Many viewers criticized the production team and questioned the show's intentions. It became more of a prank show. The way they forced the male guests to eat the disgusting dishes was inhumane.

Fans of the male guests especially complained about the show a lot. The worst case was Jiang Muye's episode. His fans almost made the programme shut down, flooding the show's official Weibo with criticism.

Because of these complaints, they could hardly invite any more male guests to join them. The production team was forced to make adjustments and invite female guests who could actually cook.

Unfortunately, most of the time their looks and cooking skills did not match. It was very rare to find guests who were both pretty and good at cooking.

Even if one knew how to cook, the food was mediocre at best. For an entertainment show, if the food was mediocre, it might rate better if it was terrible!

However, if they sacrificed looks for better cooking, the rating would fall even further as it defeated the purpose of the show's name, "Beauty's Specialties".

In the end, the production team thought of an idea -- to use chef doubles!

This meant that they would pay for a chef to come and cook. In the cooking scenes, they would just show the chef's hands, but other times, they would show the female guest, creating the false impression that the female guest was cooking.

It was actually a perfect plan if it was not found out. Unfortunately, some viewers with sharp eyes realized it. There was an episode where the female guest's ring had disappeared when the screen changed to the cooking view!

The viewers criticized the production team once again, and even the female guest was attacked harshly as well.

In the end, the production team went back to their old ways of having pretty guests cooking bad food. While they might not be able to make the old viewers stay, they might be able to attract more new ones.

Cooking shows always had lower ratings compared to other entertainment shows, but within its category, this show was the most popular one...

The next afternoon, Ning Xi brought Xiao Tao along and arrived at the studio on time.

Ning Xi wore Spirit Studio's latest dress with a floral design so she could move and cook more easily. With her hair in a ponytail, she gave off positive sunshine vibes, looking very lively and youthful.

Chapter 1059: Eat Three Bowls Of Rice

The director was a kind-looking middle-aged man. His eyes lit up when he saw Ning Xi. "Hey! Our beauty of the day is here! Come here quickly, everyone, here's our female guest today!"

"Hello, I'm Ning Xi, I'm all yours today!" Ning Xi humbly greeted everyone.

"You're welcome! As expected, Ning Xi, you look much better in real life than on television!"

"I thought you're already pretty in those ancient outfits, but you look even better in a modern outfit! Seems like our rating for this episode is going to be good!"

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The crew members came over to greet her excitedly. Because the entertainment industry placed heavy focus on facial features, they treated pretty people more passionately. Moreover, it was Ning Xi with such a refined and beautiful face.

The only one who was not happy today was probably the male guest.

Feng Rui was impressed when he saw Ning Xi, but then, he was also afraid.

With this show's precedence as proof, just how bad would her cooking be...?

Some staff saw Feng Rui's dreadful expression. It was easy to guess what he was thinking. "Bro Rui, be grateful! You get to eat dishes made by such a hottie! I bet you can eat three bowls of rice just by looking at her face!"

"Then, can I just eat the rice later?" Feng Rui decided to make to a last attempt to escape.

"No!"

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After she finished greeting the crew, Ning Xi went up to Feng Rui. "Hello, you must be Senior Feng. Please watch out for me!"

Feng Rui's mood became better when he saw the girl's cute little face along with her respectful tone. He was surprised by how nice she was. "You're overstating it, Ms. Ning, I'm not your senior! I just hope that I won't hold you back!"

For a male celebrity like Feng Rui who always played comedic characters, female celebrities within the industry would usually try to avoid him as much as possible.

However, for a beauty like Ning Xi, as an artiste who was recruited and currently supported by Glory World Entertainment, he was surprised that she would be this humble.

Had someone else been the female guest instead, they would probably be unhappy to be paired with a male guest like him...

Feng Rui had been prepared to look at a sour face for the whole show, but he did not expect Ning Xi to be this down-to-earth

Even though it might be an act, it was really rare in the current entertainment industry!

Before Ning Xi came over, the director was pretty worried as well. He could not get any other male guest to come and only Feng Rui had agreed. He was afraid that Ning Xi might be unhappy about who the male guest was, so he had even prepared a few scripts to convince her. However, in the end, none were used.

Directors would, of course, love artistes who were cooperative. His impression of Ning Xi became better and better. He was thinking that if Ning Xi could not perform well later, he would make everyone stay back and give her a few more chances to retry.

The show "Beauty's Specialties" had been aired for about two years and everyone was used to the flow and prop of the programme, so everyone was well prepared. Soon, with the live audience settled in, the shoot began.

As the emcee, Ning Xi, and Feng Rui were all ready, the director yelled, "Okay! Let's start!"

Chapter 1060: One Darker Than The Other

"Hello, our dear audience, it's time for our Beauty's Specialties today! The female guest of the day is one real beauty! She played the role of Meng Changge in 'The World', and the poor An An from 'Our 18-Year-Old', please welcome Ning Xi!"

"Thank you, Ms. Emcee, and hello to everyone! I'm Ning Xi and I'm going to make one of my best dishes today, roast pork."

"Ah! Roast pork! Could it be that beautiful minds think alike? Many people have made this dish before!" The big screen suddenly lit up, showing the process of a few previous female guests preparing the dish.

The dishes came out on the screen, each one more burnt than the other...

They put on an extended scene of Jiang Muye eating the dish.

The live audience guffawed and Ning Xi saw Jiang Muye's expression as if he was eating sheet. She laughed as well. "The seniors are so cute!"

The emcee warmed up the mood a little more. "I wonder what kind of tasty dish Ning Xi will bring us today? Okay, let's cut the talk short and have our beauty of the day begin!"

Another beauty...

Another boring roast pork...

The live audience was recruited by the director randomly. Some were even paid actors, and quite a number of them had been there several times. They looked unenergetic as the programme never seemed to change.

"Sis Meimei, is it alright if I use my own tools?" Ning Xi asked the emcee.

If she was going to do it, she would try her best, so Ning Xi had brought some of her own tools.

The emcee smiled. "Of course!"

Actually, the host was a little worried for Ning Xi. Some of the previous female guests made similar requests as well, but in the end, the dish still turned out to be terrible. One tried to show off her knife skills but cut herself. She was then criticized by the audience for doing the unnecessary.

After Xiao Tao prepared the tools, Ning Xi started cooking. She put on an apron and checked through all the tools, then started selecting the ingredients.

"Is there anything I can help with?" Feng Rui asked.

Ning Xi smile at him. "Senior, can you help me to wash the radish?"

The girl's smile was so warm and kind that Feng Rui blushed a little. "Oh, okay!"

"Ning Xi, what are the radish for? Do you put radish into roast pork?" The emcee asked.

"I'm afraid that it might be too oily to have just the roast pork. Eating radish that's been pickled with salt water can be refreshing."

"I see!"

The emcee was thinking to herself, "The main point isn't if it was oily or not, as long as it won't kill the male guest, then it's all good..."

"It...it's done!" Feng Rui passed over the radish.

"Thank you." Ning Xi took the radish and started slicing it finely.