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Chapter 2631: Connections and Backing, Can Theirs Be as Great as Yours?

Previously, in Lu Man's case, wasn't it all thanks to Xiao Guo as well?

Seeing the benefits from Han Zhuoli taking precautionary measures, Han Zhuoling also felt that it was good to do so.

Without needing to be the driver, Guo Yujie then sat in a more carefree manner at the back to chat with Shi Xiaoya.

"I asked around about the makeup artists who also signed up to come for the competition this time around. Almost all the famous makeup artists in the industry who had the time all came to sign up," Guo Yujie said.

"Director Wu's film is a rare opportunity. There will surely be many people coming forward to compete." Shi Xiaoya had expected it.

She opened her bag and took out a kraft paper envelope file folder.

When she opened the folder, it was filled with a pile of makeup portraits that she had drawn.

She drew some makeup styles based on the brief description of the characters provided by the production crew.

Shi Xiaoya majored in Fine Arts when she was in university. The color matching involved in makeup and that of oil painting were different forms of art rendered with similar skills.

But she decided to choose this profession and then go on to learn how to do makeup on her own.

So drawing character makeup design portraits was like an easy drive on a familiar path.

True, she would need to draw on the spot when she went there and explain the concept behind her own designs.

But showing the drawings to the director while explaining to him would give a better visual effect.

For a film production crew like this, they naturally could not have only one makeup artist.

One makeup artist would have to be in charge of a few, and perhaps they might only be in charge of just one actor or actress.

For example, the male and female leads would definitely need personal makeup artists to be in charge of their makeup.

As for supporting characters who did not have as many scenes, they might share one makeup artist with some others.

Shi Xiaoya naturally hoped that she would get the chance to be the makeup artist for the lead character.

In this way, there would be more space and chances to get creative.

After all, the main leads have many scenes, so they would have many changes to their makeup too.

Although she did not know the full script now, she knew that Wu Mosen's stories were always very deeply layered and contained many changes.

Based on the way the plot progresses and changes, there would have to be changes to the makeup of the characters as well, which presented a challenge that really excited Shi Xiaoya.

And they might even need to use special effects makeup.

Shi Xiaoya's fine arts background would be put to good use in this aspect.

Shi Xiaoya did not just draw the makeup portraits for the main leads and the main supporting characters, she also drew some portraits for some other insignificant supporting characters.

She had already thought through it. Perhaps she might not be able to get the role of being the lead character's makeup artist.

Accidents were bound to happen in every situation. What if she did not even manage to get the role of a makeup artist for the main supporting characters?

She had to show her sincerity to the director first.

If she wanted more chances, she had to put in more effort and present even greater sincerity and hard work.

"You already drew them and looked through them so many times repeatedly. Why are you still looking at them?" Guo Yujie asked.

"I'll just take a look at them again, in case there are some parts that can be adjusted or if I get other kinds of inspiration," Shi Xiaoya said.

"You, girl, should relax a bit. Don't tense yourself up so much," Guo Yujie persuaded her. "To be honest, there really aren't that many people who are on par with you in the makeup industry. I can count with just one hand; they're the same few, and they are at most just on par with you.

"There's no one who can win against you based on a distinct gap in skill, unless someone pulled strings and secretly took up a spot. But to be honest, if we really want to talk about connections and backing, can theirs be as great as yours?" Guo Yujie said as she laughed.

"There's Young Master Ling," Guo Yujie said. "But I know you want to compete fairly and never asked Young Master Ling for a spot in this."

If not, Shi Xiaoya would not need to stay up for nights to produce these makeup portraits..

Chapter 2632: Ambushed

Although Wu Mosen was an internationally acclaimed director, since he was going to produce a film here, he definitely had to liaise with the entertainment companies in the country.

Guo Yujie remembered that Shi Xiaoya mentioned before that the Han Corporation did indeed invest in Wu Mosen's film.

She just did not know if the Han Corporation invested in it first or only decided to invest in it after learning that Shi Xiaoya was interested to interview for the makeup artist role in the production crew.

But no matter what, Han Zhuoling could definitely have a say on this matter.

He could even demand that Shi Xiaoya could decide on her own which lead character she wanted to do makeup for.

Wu Mosen would also definitely give him face.

But Shi Xiaoya did not do that.

"But with Young Master Ling around, at least no one else would be able to surpass him and take away your spot," Guo Yujie said. "As long as it's a good environment with fair and equal competition, given your standards, you don't need to be scared of anyone. Just relax first so you can better present yourself later on."

Shi Xiaoya thought about it and agreed.

And every makeup design she had here was the result of her researching and repeatedly editing them for days and nights.

If she edited them again on the way there, she might not be able to make any nicer edits.

If her heart was flustered, she might very likely make worse edits to them.

So Shi Xiaoya put away the drawings.

After securing the flap of the folder, she had just put it into her bag when the car suddenly made a sharp turn.

Shi Xiaoya and Guo Yujie were completely unprepared sitting in the back seats, so the two of them swung to the same side at once.

Xiao Yu said in a slightly tensed-up voice, "Miss Shi, Miss Guo, please fasten your seat belts and hold on tight to the handles."

"What's going on?" After Shi Xiaoya sat properly, she did not dare to hesitate and quickly fastened her seat belts together with Guo Yujie.

The two of them sat at the back, so they really were not in the habit of wearing their seat belts.

Xiao Yu checked the car doors and made sure that they were already locked.

Shi Xiaoya and Guo Yujie tightly grabbed the car handles at the roof of the car near each car window.

"There are two cars that suddenly came to bump us," Xiao Yu said.

Luckily, he had reacted quickly and avoided them.

Previously, there had been many cars on the road. There were cars that were tailing him behind a few other cars, so he had not realized it.

Now that there were fewer cars on the road, those two cars had revealed themselves. Xiao Yu then felt that there was something amiss, so he got his guard up.

It was also thankfully because of this that when those two cars suddenly crashed into them, Xiao Yu could then swiftly dodge.

This was the first time Shi Xiaoya and Guo Yujie had both met with such a situation, so their face both turned ghastly pale.

But Shi Xiaoya still clutched Guo Yujie's hand and comforted her, "Don't worry."

The moment she said that, those two cars flanked their car on both sides and suddenly crashed into them from either direction.

Shi Xiaoya and Guo Yujie could clearly feel the car doors denting in towards them.

Their car had been shaking violently from being rammed into by the two cars flanking their sides, so the two of them had not dared to sit too close to the car doors either.

Guo Yujie could not help but start screaming and shrieking.

Even Shi Xiaoya almost screamed.

The two of them could no longer hold on to the car handle at the roof of the car, so they tightly gripped the back of the car seats in front of them.

Xiao Yu jammed hard on the accelerator and the car charged out from the flank attack by the two cars.

But not long after it charged out, the rear of the car got rammed into viciously.

Shi Xiaoya's car rear got flung out just like that, leaving the car tilted sideways as it sped forward.

Xiao Yu's face was hardened and taut, which showed that the situation was evidently extremely serious now.

Shi Xiaoya reached into her bag to grope around, wanting to take out her phone to make a police report.

But the car kept getting rammed in from the back non-stop, shaking them violently, making Shi Xiaoya unable to grab anything at all.

She quickly said to Guo Yujie, "Yujie, you look for your phone too and call the police!"

Chapter 2633: I'm Just Scared, but I'm Not Injured

"Alright!" Guo Yujie nodded. But just like Shi Xiaoya, she was getting knocked over hard and had no way to search.

Shi Xiaoya was thinking that she would search together with Guo Yujie. Whoever could find it first would call the cops; it was better than one person searching aimlessly.

However, the impact was too severe.

Shi Xiaoya gritted her teeth and tried to calm herself down.

The car was hit, so the bag on her lap was either knocked to the side or knocked off. It was so difficult to find her phone.

Shi Xiaoya tried to get rid of her fear and held her bag tightly. Finally, she caught hold of her phone.

She took her phone out and rapidly dialed the cops' number.

She obtained their current position from Xiao Yu.

"We are just about to turn towards Wude Road," said Xiao Yu to Shi Xiaoya.

This was to stop them from escaping when the cops arrive.

Shi Xiaoya did not dare to hang up and kept on reporting her location.

Shi Xiaoya finally let out a sigh of relief.

"Are we saved?" Guo Yujie asked while crying.

Shi Xiaoya did not cry.

She felt that if she cried, Guo Yujie would probably break down.

Xiao Yu also would not be able to handle it; it would only disturb and distract him.

So even if she was terrified, she held it in and did not make a sound.

Now that she had heard the sound of the police siren, Shi Xiaoya's whole body finally calmed down.

It did not matter whether the people driving the two cars were caught or they managed to run away.

At least the cops were here; they had hope.

The two cars that kept on crashing against them did not dare to do anything anymore when they saw the police cars.

They hurried off.

The cops heard Shi Xiaoya say that they had been attacked by two cars.

So they had sent three police cars.

Two of the police cars rushed to chase down the two cars.

The other stopped to look for Shi Xiaoya and the others.

Xiao Yu could only pull over at the roadside.

Guo Yujie was so scared that she felt exhausted and collapsed on the back seat.

Shi Xiaoya was also terrified.

But she still had to face the cops, so she opened the door and got out.

Unexpectedly, just as she stood up, her legs felt like jelly, and she almost fell.

Luckily, she immediately held on to the car door.

Xiao Yu immediately came to support Shi Xiaoya.

The cops came over and found out that Shi Xiaoya was the one who had called, so they asked her about the situation.

"How are you feeling right now? Do you want to go to the hospital for a checkup?" asked the cop.

Shi Xiaoya shook her head. "I am just... just scared, but I'm not injured."

Even though Shi Xiaoya was not injured, her legs were still so weak.

She really did her best to hold in her tears.

It had already happened anyway, so there was no use crying now.

But the emotions of fear and shock were not something that she could control.

Guo Yujie finally recovered slowly. Without wiping the tears on her cheeks, she got out of the car.

Shi Xiaoya saw her and supported her. "Why did you get out of the car? Rest in the car for a while."

Guo Yujie shook her head. "It's alright. I will feel scared in the car. I feel safer standing here with you guys."

Because they had called the cops, they could not just leave.

The cops still had to ask them a few questions.

As they were being questioned, the two police cars that went to chase the two cars also returned.

"Didn't catch them," said one of the cops who returned. "Let's head back and check the CCTV footage, then we will be able to find them."

Shi Xiaoya also did not know who had ambushed her.

"Could it be your competitor?" Guo Yujie had already wiped away her tears, but she still had a strong nasal sound.

Chapter 2634: Investigation

"What's your profession that you have to compete so hard?" the police officer asked.

Shi Xiaoya's car was rammed into... That was essentially trying to kill her!

Shi Xiaoya said, "I'm a makeup artist. Today, I have to go to an interview to become the makeup artist of the cast and crew of Director Wu Mosen's new film."

The police officer asked in bewilderment, "Do you need to compete to this extent?"

Shi Xiaoya shook her head. "I don't think so either. In the previous competition, there were sneaky backhanded methods. If you say that someone might want to annoy or delay me so that I can't reach the production team on time, that's certainly a possibility. However, I don't think they'd be able to do something like cause such a violent car crash."

After all, this was a life-threatening matter.

The police officer nodded and said, "However, since they are somewhat suspicious, we can't just let them go. After, what if they continue going berserk? Ultimately, we should still wait for them to get the traffic surveillance footage to find that car and driver."

Shi Xiaoya nodded.

"As for your car right now..." the police officer said.

"It should be fine to drive, right?" Shi Xiaoya asked Xiao Yu.

"The car body got hit, but it can still be driven. There doesn't seem to be any other problem." Xiao Yu understood what Shi Xiaoya meant.

"Then we better continue making our way to the production team," Shi Xiaoya said.

"We'll accompany you there, lest those two cars come back to attack you," the police officer said.

Shi Xiaoya had not even thought of that. She hurried to say, "Thank you so much."

"No problem. We should be able to locate those two cars when we're on the road. Once we've confirmed their locations, we'll arrest them. By that time, it won't be a problem even if you want to go home," the police officer said.

Upon hearing the police officer say that, Shi Xiaoya's party of three let out a collective sigh of relief.

Indeed, they had just been worrying about that. They would have the police escorting them there, but that would not be the case when they were going home.

However, it would have been unreasonable for the police to escort them to and fro.

Before getting into the car, Shi Xiaoya took a good look at the car's condition after being in a car crash.

It was truly extremely horrible.

This car was their studio's company car.

The car she normally drove personally was somewhat smaller than the company car. This was because the studio's car was a Multi-Purpose Vehicle, so it was much more spacious inside, making it suitable for her to put all sorts of big and small makeup boxes.

However, this car's exterior had been struck into an unpresentable state.

The rear of the car was heavily dented and bumpy.

It was the same for the four car doors.

However, the front of the car was still in considerably decent shape.

Shi Xiaoya and Guo Yujie got into the car again and finally made their way to the interview venue.

Before leaving, the police officer that escorted them there said, "We'll make an investigation into this matter as soon as possible."

Shi Xiaoya thanked him once again and sent him off.

Shi Xiaoya's group had persevered and gotten here as fast as they could.

However, due to the car crash and having to explain the situation to the police, they had been delayed for quite some time.

Even though they had left for the interview very early, they were now half an hour late.

Shi Xiaoya let out a deep breath. Guo Yujie said worriedly, "We're late by half an hour. What are we going to do?"

Shi Xiaoya sighed again and said, "We still have to go in and explain to the director. We did indeed have a situation on the road. It wasn't our intention to be late. We need to ask if he can be a bit lenient and accommodate us."

Wu Mosen was a very busy person. Once these appointments were made, they were fixed.

When she was contacted about the interview, she had already been told that being late was unacceptable.

With the auditions for selecting actors, Wu Mosen definitely had to participate in the interview.

It was the same for makeup artists.

This was because Wu Mosen wanted to ascertain the planned style of clothes and makeup was in line with his preferences and standards.

"That's all we can do," Guo Yujie said helplessly..

Chapter 2635: Framed

The two went upstairs.

Shi Xiaoya saw two familiar faces, Yuan Yina and Ling Xiaoen.

Ling Xiaoen looked like she was still waiting while Yuan Yina had just come out from the room.

"Xiaoya!" Ling Xiaoen saw Shi Xiaoya and walked over. "I heard that you're also being interviewed for the position of the crew's makeup artist."

"Yes." Shi Xiaoya nodded. "Brother Shi Feng and Brother Duan are also here?"

"They're here. They were in front of me, so they left after the interview. I am still waiting for my turn," explained Ling Xiaoen, smiling.

"Yo, Xiaoya. Why are you only here now? You're very late." Yuan Yina saw Shi Xiaoya and immediately came over to taunt her.

During the preliminary, everyone had been given a different time slot.

Even though it took a very long time to do makeup, because Wu Mosen did not have much time, they were only given a maximum of 15 minutes.

So it meant that everyone did not come at the same time but arrived according to their own time slot.

However, everyone had arrived early just in case.

While they were waiting, there would be a staff member coming to call their names.

Yuan Yina and Ling Xiaoen had a later time slot, so when they heard Shi Xiaoya's name being called, they knew Shi Xiaoya was absent.

Shi Xiaoya said flatly, "Went into some trouble on the way here."

"What trouble can cause you to be so late? You even dare to come late during this important occasion; looks like you really do not see this opportunity as something important." Although Yuan Yina was taunting Shi Xiaoya, her words were filled with jealousy.

"But it makes sense. You have Han Zhuoling, so of course you don't value this. Actually, even if you came, you're just putting on an act. If you really wanted to join, you could have just asked Han Zhuoling to say a word and you would be accepted immediately; you wouldn't even need to attend the interview to compete with others," said Yuan Yina in a queer way. "If you truly don't value this interview, I know why."

Shi Xiaoya frowned and was just about to speak when she heard someone say, "Who is Ling Xiaoen?"

The three of them looked over and saw a staff member holding a name list.

The staff member must be here to inform Ling Xiaoen to enter the room to be interviewed.

The assistant looked at Shi Xiaoya. Her cold expression was accompanied by a tinge of disdain.

Shi Xiaoya guessed that the assistant had heard everything that Yuan Yina said.

Shi Xiaoya's back was facing the assistant, so she did not even know when the assistant came over.

But Yuan Yina clearly saw, so she had said those words on purpose.

Saying these to an assistant was useless.

The assistant's opinion of Shi Xiaoya could not affect anything.

But what if the assistant told other people?

What if Wu Mosen also heard it from the assistant?

It would definitely leave a bad impression.

Even if Shi Xiaoya managed to join because of Han Zhuoling...

Because of the bad impression, this would not be beneficial to Shi Xiaoya.

It was very possible that Shi Xiaoya would fail to reach an international level because of this.

Ling Xiaoen smiled at Shi Xiaoya. "I'm going in. Let's chat later when I come out."

"Alright." Shi Xiaoya nodded.

Ling Xiaoen followed the assistant and entered the room.

Shi Xiaoya stared at Yuan Yina coldly.

"Do you think you can set me up this way?" Shi Xiaoya scoffed..

Chapter 2636: Target

Yuan Yina did not try to act and said straightforwardly, "How can I? How can I frame you? Even if you can't be selected based on your own skills, Han Zhuoling can squeeze you in. What are you worried about?"

All the effort that others put in could not compare to the fact that Shi Xiaoya had Han Zhuoling.

How could this not make others jealous?

Someone who was not as skillful as you could easily obtain anything that she wanted before you could even reach your goal, which could not be reached despite all your effort.

Of course Yuan Yina would feel jealous and think that it was unfair.

"You're really not clever," Shi Xiaoya said coldly. "Even if Zhuoling doesn't help, I have the confidence. That's because I have the skills. For this competition, I did not let Zhuoling help. If I can't be selected under the requirements of a fair competition, it means that I'm not as good as others and I would admit that. I won't let Zhuoling pull any strings. The things you said won't even happen. You made yourself a villain for nothing."

But Yuan Yina clearly did not believe Shi Xiaoya. "There's nobody from the crew here, you don't need to say nice things."

Not using it when she had this advantage?

Who would believe that?

Shi Xiaoya just stared at her, sending a chill down Yuan Yina's spine. She even wanted to ask Shi Xiaoya the reason for the stare.

Shi Xiaoya smiled with disdain.

Yuan Yina gritted her teeth, filled with rage.

What did she do that could make Shi Xiaoya mock her?

Then she heard Shi Xiaoya say, "Yuan Yina, you tried to frame me just now. Have you ever thought of the consequences?"

Yuan Yina's mouth twitched. What was the consequence?

Shi Xiaoya smiled. "You already know that I have Zhuoling behind me. Now that you tried to frame me to my face and I even caught you red-handed, do you think you still have any hope to be selected to join this crew?"

Yuan Yina's face changed.

Shi Xiaoya said, "Even if you entered because of your skills, I can still kick you out. But I still think you can't enter through your skills. Have you ever thought of how you will be targeted after this?"

Yuan Yina's face changed.

Shi Xiaoya's words were more than enough to make her angry.

Not only did she say that Yuan Yina would be kicked out, but she also said that she would target Yuan Yina.

This made Yuan Yina angry but terrified.

She came to her senses and felt terrified.

How could she be so bold as to frame Shi Xiaoya?

But she was still angry.

Shi Xiaoya looked down on her, thinking that she could not be selected!

How could Shi Xiaoya look down on her?

In which aspect could she not compete with Shi Xiaoya?

Her skills were not bad; how could she not be selected?

Other than Shi Xiaoya being so lucky as to be born to the Shi family, she had Han Zhuoling to rely on. What else did she have?

Yuan Yina was so envious of Shi Xiaoya.

How could Shi Xiaoya's life be so good?

She was born to a rich family. She did not need to fight for anything in her life and could have things that ordinary people could not have even if they fought for it their whole lives. Enough about that.

Even her fiance was Han Zhuoling, someone of a superior level!

If her fiance had been a tad bit uglier, or was a tad bit worse than hers, Yuan Yina would have felt better.

But Shi Xiaoya had the best of the best.

Yuan Yina's expression looked terrible.

"That's right. I will target you and keep on targeting you," said Shi Xiaoya. "I didn't do anything to you, but you jumped straight out to frame me.."

Chapter 2637: We Do Not Serve Those Who Cut in Line

"I won't go out of my way to harm others, but if someone comes and harms me, I won't be so magnanimous as to simply wave my hand and let them go. I won't be polite to whoever harms me!"

Yuan Yina's complexion kept switching from dark to pale.

She had truly begun to be afraid now.

She did not know to what degree Shi Xiaoya intended to take revenge.

What if... What if she intended to prevent Yuan Yina from continuing in this line of work?

Previously, she did not even consider this.

However, Shi Xiaoya was truly angry now. Yuan Yina suddenly realized that although Shi Xiaoya was nowhere as scary as Han Zhuoling, she was still someone she could not afford to provoke.

Some people simply did not use their brains to think.

In the past, Shi Xiaoya kept a low profile, so she never mentioned her family.

The gossip that was spoken about her or even those hostile attitudes they used with her—she just let bygones be bygones and did not keep a grudge.

That was all because they did not actually cause her much harm. To her, they were like the whining of a mosquito.

Shi Xiaoya shooed them away with the wave of a hand and just forgot about them.

However, now that Yuan Yina had set up a trap for Shi Xiaoya right before her very eyes, it was for certain that Shi Xiaoya would not simply let it go.

At this time, the assistant who did a roll call earlier came back out again. It was to remind the next makeup artist that it would soon be her turn.

Yuan Yina continued to hang around, seeming as if she wanted to see what would happen to Shi Xiaoya.

Ignoring Yuan Yina, Shi Xiaoya said to the assistant, "Excuse me, I'm Shi Xiaoya. I was originally supposed to come at 2:30 PM for the interview, but we had an accident on the way here, so we arrived late."

The assistant glanced at Shi Xiaoya and said coldly, "Your appointment time has already passed. You can't cut in line. If everyone were to be like you, what social order would there be?"

The assistant sneered, "We don't have a service that allows people who missed their appointments to cut in line."

Shi Xiaoya frowned slightly.

Since she was late, it was not unexpected that the assistant would be somewhat cold.

However, the way this assistant was sneering at her so immediately just made it seem like the assistant was out to get her.

Could it be that the assistant had been influenced by what Yuan Yina had said earlier?

Shi Xiaoya first put that guess aside and said to the assistant, "I have no intention of cutting in line. Regardless of my reasons, I did indeed arrive late. Is it possible for me to be given another chance after everyone else has finished their interviews?"

That assistant furrowed her eyebrows as she said, "Director Wu Mosen's time is very precious. In accordance with today's plan, his schedule was cleared only for these set appointment times. There is no way to delay his schedule any longer."

Shi Xiaoya could only reply, "Then could you ask him? If he could possibly just give me 10 minutes? I know that every makeup artist is given 15 minutes. I can shorten my time. Just 10 minutes."

"Why are you like this?" that assistant said in annoyance. "You may think that giving 10 minutes to you alone isn't much, but what if everyone were to be like you and wanted another 10 minutes for themselves? That would become a really long time!"

Upon hearing that assistant's tone, Guo Yujie felt that she was simply being unreasonable and stepped forth to say, "What's with this attitude of yours? We're wrong to be late, but we were in a very bad car accident. We didn't come late on purpose. Regardless, we are indeed late. Xiaoya has already apologized sincerely for that.

"Xiaoya didn't even say that she wants to cut in line. She just wants 10 minutes at the end. Even that's not possible?" Guo Yujie said angrily. "You said that everyone would want an additional 10 minutes. Sure, that would indeed be bad. However, due to Xiaoya's absence earlier, all of the people after her had had their interview time shifted to an earlier time.. Since that's the case, wouldn't there still be 15 minutes to spare at the end? She wouldn't be wasting anyone's time, right?"

Chapter 2638: If She Agrees

"Those 15 minutes belonged to Xiaoya to begin with. It's just that she gave up her time and queued further back. It doesn't affect the overall timing. Anyway, it's not like Xiaoya is asking for 10 more minutes. She won't take up any time at all. Those 10 minutes were hers to begin with. She'd even return to you guys five minutes."

The assistant's expression soured drastically from Guo Yujie's words.

Right after that, Shi Xiaoya slowly said, "Whether or not I deserve this chance, it is also up to Director Wu to decide. Can I trouble you to ask Director Wu for me? If Director Wu said he doesn't want to give me this chance, then there's nothing I can say."

The assistant's expression got even uglier. She understood what Shi Xiaoya implied.

Shi Xiaoya was saying that what she said did not count. Wu Mosen had the final say.

Even if she rejected Shi Xiaoya here, it was no use. She still needed to ask Wu Mosen.

The assistant scoffed and said, "I don't need to trouble Director Wu Mosen for this matter. Director Wu Mosen is only in charge of giving opinions for choosing the makeup artists. As for minor matters like contacting the makeup artists, he's not the one in charge of it. I will ask the person-in-charge directly for her opinion. If she agrees, then you can stay until the end for an interview."

After saying that, she did not wait for Shi Xiaoya to say anything else.

The assistant just went in.

After the door opened and closed, the assistant entered the interview room.

The people in charge of the interview, besides Wu Mosen who was sitting in the center, also included the head writer for this film.

There were quite a few screenwriters for this film, but the lead screenwriter was the one sitting right here.

And there was another judge, which turned out to be Lian Qingyin!

Men Xue Films, which Lian Qingyin worked at, had the greatest share of investments in this film.

Attracting investments to find a director, a cast, a script, etc. for a film would all take a very long time.

So this investment had been confirmed long ago.

At that time, Lian Qingyin had not been in charge of the domestic market yet.

Han Zhuoling also did not know that Lian Qingyin was from Men Xue.

To get more opportunities to meet and interact with Han Zhuoling, Lian Qingyin had finally managed to clinch the position as country head for the domestic market.

She realized to her surprise later on that the Han Corporation had actually also invested in Wu Mosen's film and was the company that held the second-biggest share of investments after Men Xue.

Lian Qingyin thus wanted to use this chance to be able to interact more with Han Zhuoling.

Unexpectedly, Han Zhuoling actually did not care about being nice at all and directly told her that he was disgusted by her.

She even got watched by Lian Shitao's men now.

Although they did not restrict her movements, she had to go to work after all, and that could not be affected.

She knew that no matter where she went, there would always be people following her and reporting every big and small matter about her in detail to Lian Shitao.

It was a critical and tense period right then, so even if Lian Qingyin wanted to go and see Han Zhuoling and wanted to make Shi Xiaoya die, she had to keep a low profile first and behave honestly.

Up until a few days ago, when the production crew started hiring makeup artists.

She recalled that Shi Xiaoya was also a makeup artist and had some fame in the country.

She wondered if she would sign up to participate in the selections.

As she thought of that, Lian Qingyin asked for the sign-up list from a staff.

Indeed, she saw Shi Xiaoya's resume there.

Hence, Lian Qingyin took the initiative to say that she wanted to be one of the judges for choosing the makeup artists today.

As the representative for Men Xue in the country right now, if Lian Qingyin wanted to be the judge, Wu Mosen naturally gave her face and agreed.

He had planned to just discuss it with the head writer and keep it between the two of them.

The two of them were personally involved in the production, so they each had their own impressions of how each character in the film should look like.

Chapter 2639: Just Waste Her Time Like This

If Lian Qingyin wanted to come, it would just be a matter of giving her another chair.

As for who exactly they would choose, Lian Qingyin did not have any say over it.

To put it plainly, Wu Mosen's intention was to just pacify and play along with Lian Qingyin.

From the previous rounds of interviews, Lian Qingyin could also sense Wu Mosen's intentions, but she did not mind.

Anyway, she did not intend to interfere with the selection process to begin with.

Those people previously, she felt extremely bored looking at them, so her heart was no longer on the interview.

She just needed to make sure that Shi Xiaoya would not be able to make it through.

The assistant scheduled every makeup artist's interview timing properly and confirmed it before coming to tell Lian Qingyin about it.

Lian Qingyin naturally also took note of Shi Xiaoya's interview timing.

She knew that the opportunity this time would be very important to these makeup artists, and every one of them would definitely choose to arrive early.

So she found someone to keep an eye on Shi Xiaoya.

Indeed, on her journey there, she managed to hold Shi Xiaoya back.

The two cars that had crashed into Shi Xiaoya's car had indeed been sent by Lian Qingyin.

Just that, at this moment, Shi Xiaoya still did not know.

At this moment, that assistant came in and whispered Shi Xiaoya's request to Lian Qingyin.

Lian Qingyin did not expect that Shi Xiaoya's luck was actually so good that she actually still managed to arrive on time.

Just before, when the assistant had gone out to call names and Shi Xiaoya was not present after her name was called, Lian Qingyin had even felt extremely gleeful deep down.

She knew that the men she hired had probably succeeded.

Yet she did not expect that Shi Xiaoya would actually manage to rush over!

Now that Shi Xiaoya came over, it showed that the men she hired had failed.

Lian Qingyin's expression changed. She then remembered that her assistant was still waiting for her reply, so she said in a low voice, "You don't need to let her know of the outcome for now. Just let her wait there."

There were still some people behind, so Shi Xiaoya had to wait for another two to three hours at least.

"Understood," the assistant replied and did not go out anymore.

Lian Qingyin glanced at Wu Mosen and quietly went to the toilet inside the room.

The men whom she had sent to attack Shi Xiaoya were definitely not hired by her personally.

She was not so stupid. What if they failed, and then those two people got caught and ratted her out?

So Lian Qingyin had contacted an organization that served as an agency of sorts. She went through many rounds before she managed to contact those two people.

This agency-like organization accepted all kinds of requests from their clients.

As long as they could do it, they would quote a price based on the difficulty level of the mission to be accomplished.

And this organization even had a very simple and straightforward name. It was called Black Market.

Black Market actually did not have contracted mercenaries in its organization.

Black Market owned a series of name lists and contacts internally.

After accepting a mission from the client, based on the details of the mission, they would find the most suitable people to carry out the mission and then contact those people.

Those people were not employees of the Black Market organization. They just left their contacts with Black Market so that it would be easier for them to receive jobs.

Black Market was also very reliable to a certain extent. The people they contacted would be able to successfully carry out their missions very well.

It was precisely because of this that Black Market had earned its reputation.

This was akin to providing great convenience for some clandestine matters.

Many people wanted to do some things, but they could not find any means or people to accomplish their goals.

Black Market grew out of this demand and became a path of convenience for these people.

You did not need to engage any kind of secret gang or some gangsters off the streets, and you did not need to bear any risk of being found out. You did not need to fear that you would provoke people who were bloodthirsty and end up suffering yourself.

There was no need to worry about all of these.

All you needed to do was to contact Black Market.

Black Market would not ask for your identity and would definitely keep it a secret for you, and they could even find the most suitable people to carry out your task for you.

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Both parties did not even need to meet face to face. The people being hired did not know the identities of the people who hired them either, nor what they looked like.

It was the same for the person hiring them.

The people being hired would then not need to fear being ratted out.

Both parties could then ensure each other's safety like this.

The person hiring just needed to send the task over. They would not need to fret about all the things and details that come after that.

It was really a very efficient, convenient, worry-free, and fuss-free deal.

So at this moment, Lian Qingyin immediately contacted Black Market the moment she had her doubts.

"That mission had failed. What happened to those two people who carried out the mission?" Lian Qingyin asked in a low voice.

"We have already received the feedback. The two have been taken away by the police," the other party reported honestly.

Lian Qingyin's heart stopped for a moment. She instantly repeated anxiously, "Taken away by the police?"

"Don't worry. The people hired don't know your identity. And they would not dare to betray Black Market either. We will hire lawyers for them. It's best if there's no issue, but if they really can't get away with it, we will also compensate them accordingly and they will take the rap for this on their own," the other party said.

Black Market's policies for handling such matters were also very comprehensive. The moment the people who were hired got caught, they would provide an equivalent amount of compensation based on the severity of their sentences.

On top of that, nobody knew what background Black Market had, so ever since its founding, there was really no one who had dared to expose them yet.

So even if there were times when they failed, nothing had happened to the employers yet.

After all, at least 60% of what Black Market did bordered on the illegal side of the law, and some were even clearly illegal.

It was not uncommon for them to see failed missions.

When it came to handling such situations, they could be considered to be very experienced.

Once she got assurance from the other party, Lian Qingyin heaved a sigh of relief.

Thinking of the reputation that Black Market had had all this time, she felt much more at ease in her heart.

"Once we have further developments and obtain the results, we will contact you. Rest assured," the other party then said.

Lian Qingyin felt completely assured now.

After ending the call, she then quietly returned to her seat at the panel and continued participating in the interview selections.

Outside, Shi Xiaoya could only patiently wait.

As Ling Xiaoen still had work afterward, she had to leave first and could not stay and wait together with her.

Because of this, Ling Xiaoen even felt very apologetic and guilty.

Because of Survivor, they had filmed together for so long and had worked together as well.

Shi Xiaoya was on pretty good terms with Ling Xiaoen, Shi Feng and Duan Pingxian.

"It's fine, this is no big deal." Shi Xiaoya smiled and said, "Isn't Yujie waiting here with me as well? Anyway, you have work. You can't keep delaying your work after this."

Ling Xiaoen said, "It's mainly because I think the situation looks off. That assistant just now, she was quite polite to all the other people previously. No matter which of us can actually get in, whether we get

chosen or not, her attitude was pretty good all along. But she just kept picking on you, and her attitude was quite bad too, so I felt that it was quite strange."

This was the reason why Ling Xiaoen felt uneasy and wanted to stay behind.

Shi Xiaoya did not expect that her gut feeling was right.

"Looks like I wasn't being overly sensitive. Just now, I already felt that she might be picking on me," Shi Xiaoya said.

"You really aren't being overly sensitive," Ling Xiaoen said. "You should be careful."

"Mm." Shi Xiaoya smiled and nodded. "With your reminder, I am mentally prepared and will take note of this. Don't worry.. Anyway, no matter how bad her attitude is, how much will I actually suffer if I am put on the losing end?"