

## Older Man 601

### Chapter 601: Daily Training

Wang Qing looked at Jiang Yu's expression. She might not be flustered, but she was truly flustered.

Jiang Yu could not be bothered to feign civility with them anymore. She turned around and went back to find Lu Qi and the rest for dinner.

"Jiang Yu! Stop right there!" Wang Qing shouted indignantly, "I haven't finished speaking!"

Jiang Yu said without turning her head, "If you have anything to say, just say it to those three people."

Jiang Yu was in a good mood after getting rid of the four burdens. She had nothing better to do and browsed the school forum.

Half of the posts on the forum were about her winning the movie queen award. The other half were about her representing the school to participate in the International Piano Competition as a performance student.

Most of the people were the same as before. They still doubted the authenticity of the Movie Queen award in Jiang Yu's hands. They also doubted Jiang Yu's piano skills and felt that it was embarrassing for her to go on stage.

There were several new posts like this every day. Even though Jiang Yu and the other four had started their collective training, the doubts did not disappear.

However, Jiang Yu did not care about what others thought of her. They could think whatever they wanted, which did not hinder her piano practice.

Professor Bai would give each of them a set of music score every day. After practicing for a day, Professor Bai would come to check on them at night and guide them according to their shortcomings.

Today's music score was "Nightingale," Yanni's work.

After putting down the music score, Professor Bai said, "You guys practice this song first. I'll check it tomorrow. This song is a bit difficult, and you have to integrate your feelings into it. It's not easy."

After saying that, Professor Bai went back.

"Is 'Nightingale' very difficult?" Kang Xue took the music score and read it over and over again. She said disdainfully, "I think it's just that. It's not difficult."

Lin Bei also said, "Exactly. Why did Professor Bai give us this song? Can't she give us some difficult songs?"

Wang Qing took out a bottle of nail polish from her handbag, opened it, and smeared it on her nails, she said in a strange tone, "I think Professor Bai gave us such a simple music score to take care of her disciple, right? She was afraid that her disciple wouldn't be able to learn it if it was too difficult, so she gave us such a simple song."

Lin Bei smacked her lips and said, "I think what Wang Qing said makes sense. Professor Bai must be worried about her precious disciple. Otherwise, based on our abilities, it should be a high-difficulty piece of music."

The others laughed again and then looked at Jiang Yu meaningfully.

They didn't expect Jiang Yu to not be angry at all. It was as if she didn't hear what they said and was practicing her piano piece by herself.

"How infuriating." Jiang Yu's expression made Kang Xue feel very uncomfortable. She wished she could say a few more sarcastic words to vent her anger.

Just as she was about to speak, Lin Bei pulled her back and whispered, "I've realized that no matter what we say, Jiang Yu won't be angry. Then let's not waste time here."

Tang mi glanced at Jiang Yu with disdain and said in a low voice, "I have a good idea. Do you want to hear it?"

Lin Bei's interest was piqued and he said, "Tell us quickly."

Tang mi said, "Mocking Jiang Yu isn't the only way to teach her a lesson. Why don't we just throw away her music score? "When the time comes, we'll tell her that Professor Bai forgot about her and didn't prepare the music score for her."

"This trick of yours is really bad." Lin Bei grinned.

Kang Xue was a little doubtful and asked, "Will your method work?"

Tang Mi took out one of the five music scores and tore it off, saying, "Whether it works or not, won't we know after we try it?"

## **Chapter 602: Tear Up The Music Score**

The remnant of the music score fell from Tang Mi's hand. Then, she put on a harmless smile and walked to Jiang Yu, she said, "Aiya, Jiang Yu, I'm sorry. We just took a look. Professor Bai seems to have only prepared four music scores. There's noneo for you?"

Lin Bei also hurried over and said with a smile, "That's right. Professor Bai is really careless. You're her last disciple. How could she forget you?"

Kang Xue and Wang Qing also came over, wanting to see Jiang Yu's reaction.

However, Jiang Yu's reaction was beyond their expectations.

They had thought that Jiang Yu would fly into a rage or feel very wronged when she heard that Professor Bai didn't prepare a score for her. However, Jiang Yu said with a smile, "How do you know that she didn't forget to prepare it for you?"

Tang Mi paused, and the smile on her face almost disappeared. She said, "Then how do you know that it wasn't you she had forgotten about?"

Jiang Yu said, "50% each, so I'll believe whatever it is. But..." Jiang Yu's eyes turned sharp, she changed the topic and said, "But I heard the sound of you tearing up the score just now."

The expression on Tang Mi's face completely disappeared. She said guiltily, "You... you're talking nonsense! I didn't tear up the music score!"

Jiang Yu smiled and said, "I didn't say it was you. I said 'You'. Why did you admit it so quickly?"

Tang mi then realized that she had been tricked. She was so angry that her face turned red and then white. She couldn't say a word.

Lin Bei quickly tried to smooth things over and said, "It's not like we tore up the music score. Why are you angry at us?"

Jiang Yu asked curiously, "When did I lose my temper?"

Lin Bei said, "How did you not?"

Jiang Yu said, "You tore up my music score. I didn't lose my temper."

Lin Bei said angrily, "So what if we tore up your music score? You deserve it! Who asked you to get the fifth spot?"

"You finally admit that it was you who tore up the music score?" Jiang Yu said with a fake smile.

Lin Bei realized that she had been tricked, and she was so angry that she couldn't say anything.

Seeing this, Kang Xue didn't hide it anymore, "It was us who tore up the music score. What's wrong? Do you have any objections? Jiang Yu, don't think that with Professor Bai backing you up, you can rest easy. Jiang Yu, let me tell you, it's absolutely impossible!"

"I've already tolerated you guys enough. Don't get carried away and don't take advantage of me," said Jiang Yu

"Tolerated? "Kang Xue laughed and said, "Jiang Yu, do you have any other methods other than tolerating? Don't tell me you still want to rely on Professor Bai? No, I forgot. There's still a Mo Long behind you."

Jiang Yu's face darkened and asked, "What exactly are you trying to say?"

Kang Xue said, "Jiang Yu, everything that you have obtained is not based on your own strength! It's because someone is backing you up and giving you help! Otherwise, how could you have such achievements today?"

Wang Qing also echoed, "That's right. Jiang Yu, have you seen your own acting? Your acting skills are far inferior to that of Movie Queen Li! Why did you get Movie Queen but Li Yue was rejected? Isn't this enough to prove that there's a problem with your votes?"

Jiang Yu retorted, "What's the problem?"

Wang Qing thought that Jiang Yu would defend herself, so she thought of a bunch of words to question her.

She didn't expect Jiang Yu to question her instead. Wang Qing was blocked by these words and didn't know what to say.

After thinking for a long time, Wang Qing said, "Of course it's the troll army you paid for!"

### **Chapter 603: Routine Inspection**

Jiang Yu sneered and said, "Troll army? I'm afraid you're such people. That's why you would think everyone does this."

Wang Qing choked. "You!"

Jiang Yu didn't even look at them and said, "If there's nothing else, go back and practice your zither."

Tang Mi and Lin Bei had already felt a little embarrassed. Now that they heard Jiang Yu's words, they quickly went back to practice their zither.

Not only was Wang Qing domineering, but she also did things without considering the consequences. After the incident with Professor Karl, Wang Qing had become smarter. No matter what, she had to look at the reactions of others before making a decision.

Kang Xue was that "Other".

However, Kang Xue didn't have any expression. She just coldly threw a sentence at Jiang Yu, "The music score given by Professor Bai is 'Moonlight'. You can practice it. Of course, if you don't believe it, you can play it as you like."

Wang Qing quickly agreed and said, "It's Beethoven's 'Moonlight'. You can believe it or not."

After saying that, Wang Qing followed behind Kang Xue and went back to practice.

Beethoven's 'Moonlight'? Jiang Yu sneered. She would never believe their words.

However, there was only one choice now. It was better than thinking about the score aimlessly.

In the evening, Professor Bai came to check on their progress as usual. Professor Bai usually checked on Jiang Yu first. However, when she came today, Jiang Yu was still in the bathroom, so she checked on the other four first.

The first one to be checked was Lin Bei. She pretended to be a good girl and played the piano quietly.

Wang Qing whispered to Kang Xue, "Is it really okay to tell Jiang Yu that it's Moonlight?"

Kang Xue sneered and said, "What does it matter? Anyway, she doesn't know what the real song is. If she gets angry, just tell her that she remembered it wrong."

Wang Qing was a little worried and said, "Will Jiang Yu tell Professor Bai?"

Kang Xue said disdainfully, "So what? Just say that we made a mistake."

Wang Qing frowned because of her worry.

Jiang Yu quickly came out of the bathroom. When she reached the door, she heard the tune of "Nightingale".

Jiang Yu sighed and smiled helplessly.

She knew that these people were not so kind. It seemed that she had guessed correctly.

After Lin Bei finished playing, Professor Bai gave her some guidance on her shortcomings.

Jiang Yu walked into the room, bowed to Professor Bai, and said, "Hello, teacher."

Professor Bai smiled and continued to check on Tang Mi's practice progress.

Kang Xue walked up to Jiang Yu and pretended to be sorry, she said, "I'm sorry, Jiang Yu. It turns out that the song Professor Bai asked us to practice was 'Nightingale', but I remembered it as 'Moonlight'. I'm really sorry, Jiang Yu."

Sorry? I really don't know how sincere your 'Sorry' is?

Jiang Yu smiled and said, "It doesn't matter. I remembered it wrong, but I didn't mean to tell me it was wrong."

Kang Xue couldn't help but feel a little guilty. She coughed a few times, trying to ease the awkwardness.

Jiang Yu said, "You go back first. We'll check on you in a while."

Kang Xue did not say anything. She turned around and went back to her seat to prepare.

Professor Bai quickly checked Kang Xue and gave her some guidance on her shortcomings.

"Jiang Yu, it's your turn." Wang Qing quickly ran to Jiang Yu's side, waiting to watch a good show.

Jiang Yu looked at her and shook her head helplessly.

Wang Qing was puzzled and asked, "Why are you shaking your head?"

Jiang Yu said, "You really don't mind watching a show."

Wang Qing said guiltily, "What are you talking about? It's not our fault that we remembered the wrong music score! That's something that can't be controlled!"

Jiang Yu said, "Whatever you say."

#### **Chapter 604: Made A Fool Out Of Themselves**

Jiang Yu's attitude made Wang Qing very angry, but when she thought about how Jiang Yu would make a fool of herself and might even disappoint Professor Bai, Wang Qing's mood became very good.

So she touched her nails and said in a good mood, "Forget it. I'm magnanimous. I won't stoop to your level."

Professor Bai walked up to Jiang Yu and said with a smile, "Jiang Yu, let's begin."

Jiang Yu nodded and began to play "Moonlight".

At the beginning, Professor Bai's brows were still furrowed. She wanted to interrupt Jiang Yu and ask what was going on.

However, she was quickly attracted by Jiang Yu's music and all her questions were forgotten.

Lin Bei and Tang Mi didn't know that Kang Xue had deliberately told Jiang Yu about the wrong music score, so they thought that Jiang Yu had deliberately chosen "Moonlight" to deal with Professor Bai.

Kang Xue and Wang Qing had wanted to see Jiang Yu make a fool of herself, but when they saw Professor Bai's expression, they knew that Professor Bai had been attracted by Jiang Yu's music again.

After the song was finished, Professor Bai asked, "Jiang Yu, why are you playing this song?"

Jiang Yu asked curiously, "Professor Bai, isn't it this song?"

Professor Bai was also puzzled and said, "The song I gave you is 'Nightingale'. Don't you know it?"

Jiang Yu said, "I don't have a score. Kang Xue said you didn't prepare a score for me."

Professor Bai looked at Kang Xue in confusion.

Kang Xue had originally planned that Jiang Yu would not complain to Professor Bai. But from the current situation, Jiang Yu really wanted to complain, and in a different way.

Seeing that Kang Xue didn't speak, Professor Bai asked again, "Kang Xue, what's going on? When I came here, I gave you five sets of music scores."

Kang Xue quickly smiled and said, "I'm sorry, Professor Bai. Actually, we lost one set of music score, but we were too embarrassed to say it, so we told Jiang Yu that you forgot to prepare it for her."

Of course, Professor Bai didn't believe her, she then asked, "Then what's the matter with this 'Moonlight'? Even if you lost the music score, why didn't you tell Jiang Yu that the song she needs to practise today is 'Nightingale'. Why didn't she practice this song?"

Kang Xue smiled awkwardly and said, "It's our mistake. I'm really sorry, Professor Bai. This is all my fault. Please teach me a lesson."

Professor Bai said a little angrily, "Of course I'll teach you a lesson! But now is a special time, so I'll let you go for now on this matter. Come and tell me about this matter after the competition is over!"

Kang Xue said, "I know. Thank you, Professor Bai!"

Professor Bai said to Jiang Yu, "Jiang Yu, although you didn't play the song I wanted, you played 'Moonlight' very well. You completely integrated your emotions into it. You were sad and melancholic. This made me see a different you from before."

Jiang Yu smiled and said, "Thank you, Professor Bai."

Professor Bai Glanced at Kang Xue and said, "Let's put this matter aside for now. I don't want to see it happen again in the future."

Kang Xue said, "I know, Professor Bai. I promise. There won't be a next time."

Professor Bai said, "It's best if there's no next time."

With that, Professor Bai left.

After professor Bai left, Kang Xue changed her apologetic look and said fiercely to Jiang Yu, "Jiang Yu! I didn't expect you to be such a snitch!"

Wang Qing sneered and said, "I was worried that Jiang Yu would snitch. I didn't expect her to be such a snitch."

Tang Mi and Lin Bei had just found out what had happened, so they also said to Wang Qing, "Exactly. Jiang Yu, why are you like this?"

## **Chapter 605: Was Calm**

Jiang Yu smiled and said, "Why? Are you the only ones allowed to do it and not me?"

Kang Xue choked and said, "What did we do? Didn't we just tear up your music score? Are you going to tell Professor Bai about this small matter? Aren't you being too stingy?"

Jiang Yu said, "If this is a small matter, then what is a big matter? And just as you said, you deliberately tore up the music score and told me the wrong music score. But I didn't tell Professor Bai about these things, so it can be considered as saving face for you."

"You!" Kang Xue was so angry that she stomped her feet.

Jiang Yu said, "If you have time to deal with me, you should practice more on the piano. Haven't you always thought that I would only embarrass the school if I went to the competition? Then let's see who will be the one who loses face when the time comes."

With that, Jiang Yu continued to focus on practicing the piano and practiced "Nightingale" a few times.

The more Kang Xue saw Jiang Yu's nonchalant look, the angrier she got. She wished that she could step on Jiang Yu right now, so that she would never be able to get up again for the rest of her life.

But now was not the time. During this period of time, she would keep a distance from Jiang Yu and maintain a relationship that was neither too far nor too close. When the time came for the competition on the stage, she would let Jiang Yu know what it meant to fall from the clouds to the bottom of the valley.

During this one month of training, Kang Xue really did not provoke Jiang Yu. Instead, she practiced her piano dutifully.

When the others saw Kang Xue like this, they naturally would not go to Jiang Yu and play tricks on her. Therefore, they also practiced the piano quietly and did not say a word to Jiang Yu.

Jiang Yu enjoyed this kind of life very much.

The training period ended very quickly. Before Kang Xue left, she said harshly to Jiang Yu, "Jiang Yu, if you know what's good for you, then I advise you to forfeit this international competition and not participate in it again."

Jiang Yu smiled and asked her back, "Do you think I will forfeit?"

Since she asked her back, then Kang Xue knew what her answer was.

Therefore, Kang Xue put on a fake smile and said, "Alright. Jiang Yu, you must remember what you said today. If you lose the selection, you'll embarrass the school. Don't cry."

Jiang Yu said, "I'll return these words to you intact."

Kang Xue said nothing more and turned around to leave.

Jiang Yu was about to go back when she received a call from Mo Long.

"What's wrong?" Jiang Yu asked.

Mo Long said, "Nothing. I just suddenly remembered that today is the day your training ends, right?"

Jiang Yu said, "Yes. I just came out of the training room."

Mo Long said, "Do you have time? We haven't seen each other for a month."

Jiang Yu smiled sweetly and said, "What's wrong? Did you miss me?"

Mo Long pretended to be angry and said, "Why do you ask when you already know?"

Jiang Yu couldn't help but laugh and said, "Okay, okay, I got it. I'll go back to pack my things and then go back."

"Okay." Mo Long answered and then asked, "When you go to the University of Cecilia, I'll go with you."

Jiang Yu asked in amusement, "How did you know that I was the first place winner?"

Mo Long said, "I have always believed in you."

Jiang Yu paused and said, "I won't let you down."

Mo Long said, "No matter what the final result is, as long as it's you, I will never be disappointed. So, Yu'er, just do what you like. As long as the final result is what you like, that's what I like."

These words struck Jiang Yu's heart, causing her eyes to turn red involuntarily as tears kept rolling down her cheeks.

She said, "Then I will definitely make you happy."

## **Chapter 606: The Eve Before The Competition**

The day before the competition, Lu Qi and Dai Zhu came over with a colorful dress and said, "Jiang Yu, look at this dress! How does it look? Does it look good?"

Jiang Yu took the dress with her name printed on it.

She asked in amusement, "What is this?"

Dai Zhu said, "It's a backup dress that we specially made for you!"

Jiang Yu asked curiously, "It's a backup outfit?"



Dai Zhu unfolded the outfit and showed it to Jiang Yu in detail, she said, "Jiang Yu, look! This outfit has the color of a rainbow and your name is printed on it! Actually, we printed your head picture on it before, but Lu Qi always said that it wouldn't look good." That's why we printed your name on it."

Jiang Yu felt a little helpless and said, "You guys. Are you going to wear this set of clothes on the day of the competition?"

Dai Zhu said, "That's right. Otherwise, when would we be wearing this support shirt?"

Jiang Yu knew Dai Zhu's character and knew that no matter what she said, she would definitely wear it if she wanted to.

Since that was the case, she might as well go along with her thoughts and said, "Then, wear it if you want to."

Dai Zhu immediately beamed with joy and said, "Alright! When the time comes, I will get everyone in the fan group to wear this dress to support you!"

Lu Qi could not take it anymore and said, "Sister, do you really not think that this dress is ugly?"

Dai Zhu said angrily, "It's not ugly. How is it ugly?"

Lu Qi's head hurt as she facepalmed and said, "Don't ask Xiao Yu. Go and ask Tian Guo yourself. See if she's good-looking or ugly."

As she said this, Tian Guo walked over. She was still wearing the dress in Dai Zhu's hands.

Lu Qi nearly fainted when she saw it. She asked, "Tian Guo, why are you wearing this dress?"

Tian Guo said, "What's wrong? This dress looks pretty good. Moreover, it's our supporting outfit. Of course, we have to wear it."

Lu Qi found it hard to believe and asked, "Do you really not think it's ugly?"

Tian Guo shook her head and said, "It's not ugly! It looks very good!"

She then asked Jiang Yu, "How is it? Jiang Yu, do you think this dress looks good?"

Jiang Yu found it funny and said, "It looks good. Not bad."

Tian Guo and Dai Zhu demonstrated to Lu qi and said, "Did you see that? Jiang Yu also said that this dress looks good!"

Seeing this, Lu Qi quickly pulled Jiang Yu over and said, "Xiao Yu! Do you really think this dress looks good?!"

Jiang Yu smiled and said, "I think it looks pretty good."

Lu Qi felt that Jiang Yu's aesthetic standards had been skewed by Dai Zhu and Tian Guo.

Dai Zhu took the clothes to the bathroom and prepared to change.

From afar, someone was walking over in a noisy manner.

“Tian Guo, what kind of clothes are you wearing? Why are you wearing such a rustic outfit?” Someone mocked her.

It was the Guo Yuan she had seen before.

It was rare for Tian Guo to lose her temper. She said, “This outfit is not ugly! This is our supporting outfit!”

Guo Yuan smiled. “What supporting outfit? Is it for the school? Isn’t this too ugly? Aren’t you afraid of embarrassing the school?”

Tian Guo was so angry that her face turned red. She said, “I won’t allow you to say that!”

Guo Yuan giggled and said, “That’s what I said. What’s wrong? Come, come, let me see your outfit... Jiang Yu? So it’s for Jiang Yu’s supporting outfit?”

Tian Guo slapped Guo Yuan’s hand away and said, “Don’t touch this outfit!”

Dai Zhu had already put on her clothes. When she came out of the bathroom, she saw Guo Yuan touching Tian Guo.

#### **Chapter 607: Bet**

“What are you doing?” Dai Zhu walked over and swatted Guo Yuan’s hand away. “Do you know the value of this dress? Don’t you know your own identity? Can you just casually touching this dress?”

Guo Yuan was amused by Dai Zhu’s words, “Do you know what you’re talking about? Isn’t it just a gaudy fan support outfit? What’s wrong with me touching it? I feel like my hands are dirty when I touch it!”

Dai Zhu widened her eyes in anger. “Guo Yuan! What do you mean by this?!”

Guo Yuan shrugged indifferently and said, “It’s literally what I mean.”

Lu Qi frowned and said, “Guo Yuan, don’t go too far.”

Guo Yuan laughed out loud and said, “Forget it. I don’t want to waste my time here with you guys. Isn’t the competition coming up soon? I’m waiting to see how embarrassing Jiang Yu will be on stage.”

“Jiang Yu is not embarrassing!” Tian Guo was really angry this time. She usually did not dare to speak loudly to Guo Yuan, but today, she had mustered all her strength to shout at Guo Yuan.

“Is it up to you to decide whether she will be embarrassing or not?” Guo Yuan mocked, “Do you know that there’s a bet on Jiang Yu in the school forum? Ninety-eight percent of the people bet on the side where Jiang Yu will lose.”

Lu Qi said, “It’s only 98% .”

Guo Yuan said, “Why? Do you think 98% is very little? Do you have to be 100% to think that it’s just right?”

Jiang Yu also said, “It’s not even 100% , so it’s not too much.”

Guo Yuan was also amused by Jiang Yu's words, she said, "Jiang Yu, you really have a big heart. There are still 2% of the people who support you because of your good friends. The main credit lies in Dai Zhu. Her family background is good, and she knows many people. However, no matter how many people she knows, it's impossible for her to know all the people in the school. So, isn't everything that Dai Zhu has done just like a mantis trying to stop a chariot?"

Dai Zhu said angrily, "I'm willing to do it, but it's none of your business!"

Guo Yuan sneered, "Who cares about what you say? I just feel that it's not worth it for you. You've done so much for Jiang Yu. What if she loses the match? Won't that disappoint all of you?"

Dai Zhu said, "It doesn't matter even if Jiang Yu loses! As long as she works hard, she'll be the best! As for you, you can't do anything, but you like to gossip about others. Guo Yuan, are you tired?"

"You!" Guo Yuan was very angry, and her face was as red as a monkey's butt. She said fiercely, "Dai Zhu! I'm warning you, don't look down on others just because of your own background!"

"I look down on people, but I didn't say that I look down on you." Dai Zhu made a face at Guo Yuan.

"You!"

What did she mean? ! Didn't she just say that she, Guo Yuan, wasn't a person?!!

"Alright, stop arguing." Jiang Yu stopped them from continuing to argue and said, "Don't argue with her. Let's just focus on our own things."

Dai Zhu immediately pursed her lips and said, "I just can't stand it when she talks about you like that."

Jiang Yu comforted her and said, "It's okay. We can't control their thoughts, so don't bother about them. Didn't you say that you set up a bet for me? Then I'll make them lose everything."

"Aiyo, Jiang Yu, you're really arrogant!" Guo Yuan felt that Jiang Yu was daydreaming. "You want us to lose everything? You'd better pray that your little friends won't lose so much that they can't even afford to eat!"

Jiang Yu looked at Guo Yuan coldly and said, "You don't have to worry about this. You'd better mind your own business. Don't be the one who can't afford to eat in the end."

## **Chapter 608: Impromptu Performance**

Guo Yuan said, "Then you don't have to worry. I can afford to eat."

Jiang Yu stopped looking at her and said, "If there's nothing else, please go back. It's not very appropriate for you to stay here all the time."

Guo Yuan spat, "Do you think I want to stay here? I didn't want to come over to look at Tian Guo's clothes. Anyway, I've already seen them. I don't want to waste my breath here with you."

Guo Yuan brought her lackeys back. Dai Zhu stomped her feet in anger and said, "Jiang Yu, why aren't you angry at her for saying that?"

Jiang Yu smiled and said, "What's there to be angry about with that kind of person?"

What Jiang Yu said made sense, but Dai Zhu just couldn't swallow her anger. However, the competition was tomorrow. She would let Guo Yuan off for the next two days.

When the competition was over, she would definitely teach Guo Yuan a lesson!

A Day passed quickly. Dai Zhu, Lu Qi, and the others put on their support clothes and entered the audience seats with tickets.

"Lu Qi! What's with your expression? Don't you think this outfit is pretty?" Dai Zhu held Lu Qi's arm while she held Tian Guo's arm.

Lu Qi said helplessly, "I've already said that this outfit is ugly..."

Dai Zhu and Tian Guo immediately refuted her, "This outfit is not ugly at all!"

Lu Qi said, "... Alright, alright, the competition will start soon."

Upon hearing that, Dai Zhu and Tian Guo quickly sat down obediently and waited for Jiang Yu to go on stage.

This time, there were two preliminaries for the international piano competition, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

The one in the morning was to play the song that the judges had assigned, while the one in the afternoon was to improvise on the theme that the judges had given them.

The preliminaries in the morning did not have much focus, but the preliminaries in the afternoon were very interesting.

All the contestants had to face the same theme. Who knew how good their improvisation skills were?

In the preliminaries in the morning, the designated song given by the judges was "City In The Sky" by Hisashi. It was a very quiet piano piece.

Dai Zhu was almost sleepy after listening to it. She said, "Why is it not the afternoon yet? I still want to see Jiang Yu's improvisation skills."

Lu Qi said, "Wait a little longer. It will be over soon. When it's time, we can go for lunch and then come back to watch the preliminaries in the afternoon."

Dai Zhu said, "Everyone is playing a piece of music. It was very nice at the beginning, but after listening to it more than ten times, I'm sleepy."

Tian Guo said, "We want to feel the feelings of the pianist who is immersed in the piano piece."

Dai Zhu said with a bitter face, "But I can only tell if a piece is good or not. I can't feel anything else."

Lu Qi said, "Okay, this is the last contestant. We can go to lunch soon."

Dai Zhu quickly nodded and said, "That's great! But among so many people, I still think that Jiang Yu plays the best! In Tian Guo's words, Jiang Yu is putting her feelings into the piano piece."

Tian Guo smiled and said, "You just said that you can't feel anything else."

Dai Zhu blushed and whispered, "Tian Guo! Don't make fun of me!"

The last contestant also finished playing. The judges recorded their scores on the paper in front of them, and the counters calculated their scores, then, the last five contestants would be eliminated.

Hearing this news, Dai Zhu became clear-headed. She asked carefully, "Is the competition in the preliminaries so cruel?"

Lu Qi explained, "It's called the preliminaries, but it's almost the semi-finals. Then, the official competition in a week will be the final."

### **Chapter 609: The Theme Is Youth**

Dai Zhu said, "So fast? But there are only 17 contestants in total. If they eliminate five people in the morning and five more in the afternoon, won't there only be seven people left on the day of the official competition?"

Lu Qi nodded and said, "Yes. Then, the first place will be chosen among these seven people."

"Oh my God!" Dai Zhu covered her mouth in shock and said, "I didn't expect the competition to be so fierce!"

As she said this, the counter had already calculated the scores. Among the last five contestants, apart from Tang Mi, the other four were not students of Ivy League University.

Dai Zhu gloated and said, "They said that Jiang Yu would lose face if she went on stage. I think it should be them who lose face! If they were eliminated in the preliminaries. Wouldn't it be embarrassing if it was disclosed?"

Tian Guo secretly laughed and said, "That's right! I think they are the ones who will be embarrassed!"

Lu Qi said, "Alright, the results of the competition are out. Let's go find Xiao Yu and have lunch together."

"Okay!"

However, when the three of them found Jiang Yu, they found that Mo Long had taken Jiang Yu to the car before them.

Dai Zhu said, "... This Mo Long! How can he be so fast!"

Tian Guo pulled Lu Qi and Dai Zhu over and said, "Then let's go eat. Hurry up and finish it. When we come back, we can watch the preliminaries in the afternoon!"

Dai Zhu mumbled and said, "I still don't know what theme the judges will give this afternoon..."

After lunch, the three of them quickly returned to the audience seats. There was still a small number of people who had not finished eating and returned.

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However, there were still a few minutes left before the afternoon preliminaries began. The judges had already sat down at the judges' seats and were discussing the theme of this preliminaries.

A few minutes passed and the afternoon preliminaries officially began. The judges had already thought of the theme — youth.

Above the stage, there was a sign hung with a ribbon. The word “Youth” was written on it. It was the theme of this preliminaries.

“I’m optimistic about Jiang Yu!” Dai Zhu was very excited and said, “Jiang Yu is in the prime of her youth! Such a song will not be a problem for her!”

Tian Guo was a little worried and said, “But the rest of the contestants are around the same age. Everyone is in the prime of their youth.”

“This...” Dai Zhu was also a little worried.

The first contestant was a foreign student from the art department of Jiangnan University. Her name was Kana.

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She bowed politely and then began to play the piano impromptu — The Youth In Her Eyes.

She played the tune very cheerfully, as if the youth in her eyes was very lively and without any worries.

The judges were very satisfied with Kana’s tune. They kept nodding their heads and even secretly saying something to praise this contestant’s extraordinary strength. If she was given guidance, she would definitely have great achievements in the future.

Dai Zhu was a little anxious and said, “How did the first contestant win the judges’ favor? What about Jiang Yu?”

Lu Qi patted her hand to comfort her and said, “It’s okay. Xiao Yu won’t be like them.”

Kana ended her performance. The other contestants backstage also planned to follow Kana’s playstyle and write according to Kana’s playstyle.

It was fine to listen to such a tune once or twice, but if one listened to it too many times, they would get bored.

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Therefore, the judges kept nodding their heads from the beginning until they became expressionless and shook their heads in the end. They were all saying that the contestants in the later stages could not advance and were destined to be eliminated.

When it was Jiang Yu’s turn, one of the judges asked, “Jiang Yu, I heard that you are the only contestant who is not a music student. Moreover, you have not studied piano systematically, right?”

Jiang Yu replied respectfully, “Yes.”

The judge asked again, “And I heard that you taught yourself how to play the piano, right?”

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Although she didn't know why the judge would ask such a question, Jiang Yu still answered very politely, "Yes."

The judge was still reluctant to leave and asked, "Then what do you think of your strength?"

Jiang Yu thought for a moment and said, "My strength... is probably average."

The judge seemed to want to say something else, but was stopped by Carl who was beside him and whispered, "Shh. Listen carefully. Jiang Yu's strength will surprise you."

Only then did the judge give up. He wanted to see what kind of extraordinary strength Jiang Yu had to make Carl praise her like that.

Jiang Yu bowed politely and sat in front of the piano. After taking a few deep breaths, she began to play.

"Bang Bang!" Jiang Yu's left hand knocked a few keys on the piano, making a deafening sound.

Then, her right hand tapped a few more keys on the piano, producing a crisp sound.

No one understood what Jiang Yu was up to. Even Carl could not figure out what Jiang Yu was thinking.

After the two pieces of music ended, Jiang Yu stopped. Everyone thought that she had finished playing.

Just as Carl could not help but want to ask her what was going on, Jiang Yu suddenly started playing again.

The heavy and high-pitched voice was followed by a clear and melodious voice. When the two completely different voices mixed together, there was actually a different kind of beauty.

It was as if youth should be like this. Sometimes it was loud and loud, sometimes it was elegant and melodious. This seemed to be the appearance of everyone's youth.

Carl finally understood the meaning of the song Jiang Yu was playing. The other judges were gradually brought into the mood and gradually understood the deep meaning behind the song.

After the song ended, Jiang Yu stood up and bowed. "Thank you, everyone. I hope that everyone will like this song."

Carl stopped Jiang Yu and said, "Jiang Yu, this song of yours is very nice."

Jiang Yu smiled and replied, "Thank you, Professor Carl."

The judge who had doubted Jiang Yu's ability earlier blushed and could not help but praise, "Jiang Yu, I have underestimated your ability. Your self-taught piano ability is even better than some professional students."

Jiang Yu smiled and said, "Thank you, Professor."

The people below the stage were in an uproar. They felt that Jiang Yu would definitely be promoted. After all, there was no contestant who could be praised by the two judges in front of everyone. Only Jiang Yu.

Moreover, she was self-taught. Compared to the others, this was actually not a disadvantage but an advantage.

When the people behind Jiang Yu saw this scene, they also planned to play like Jiang Yu.

However, her method and melody were too difficult to imitate. No one dared to say that they would be able to play a melody that was similar to Jiang Yu's after they went on stage.

Therefore, after thinking about it, they decided to follow Kana's routine. At least her method and melody were easy to imitate, while Jiang Yu's was too difficult.

However, after listening to this kind of melody for too long, the judges and the audience were a little tired. Not only did they not feel their eyes brighten, they even felt that it was very unpleasant to listen to.

Therefore, until the end, the judges were no longer willing to listen to the music played by the contestants. They simply wrote down a score on the paper and began to close their eyes to rest.

After the last contestant finished playing, the counter began to calculate the scores of each person. The last five people were still going to be eliminated.

Among the five people who were eliminated, two of them were students from Ivy University — Lin Bei and Wang Qing.

Wang Qing couldn't believe that she would be eliminated, but Jiang Yu had successfully advanced and was praised by the two judges.

"This is impossible!" Wang Qing muttered to herself in disbelief, "How could Jiang Yu and Jiang Yu advance? !"

Lin Bei couldn't understand it either, but she knew that with her strength, even if she advanced, it was impossible for her to get first place. So whether Jiang Yu advanced successfully or not, this matter did not affect her at all.

But she really did not understand. How could Jiang Yu have advanced?