

Pill Maker 321

Chapter 321: No, Huo Yao Needed The Money

Huo Yao took Huo Xiang's cap from the seat and covered her face with it.

Was she the sort who needed to use her face to make a living?!

"Sigh. These days, people like you who don't give a damn about money are so rare."

Tong Yu sighed as he shook his head.

He finally realized how willful both these siblings were.

Huo Yao moved her eyelids a little under the cap.

Huo Xiang looked sideways at Huo Yao. He turned to take a woolen blanket in the car to cover her before he said, "Yao shouldn't show her face since she's only a senior. She's bound to be a hit with her looks alone, but she will have to disguise herself everywhere she goes. It will be a major hassle."

Tong Yu's lips twitched when he heard Huo Xiang saying Huo Yao was bound to be a hit. Huo Xiang was clearly bragging about his little sister, right?

He had seen show-offs before, but none of them bragged as shamelessly as Huo Xiang.

"It doesn't matter anyway. Since Mr. Qu doesn't mind, you don't have to show your face if you don't want to." Tong Yu stopped bothering them about it. Maybe she would appear even more mysterious with a mask.

Considering how popular her older brother was, it was impossible for her to keep a low profile even if she tried to.

Huo Xiang sat straight and said deeply, "Anyway, it's not like we need the money."

Tong Yu went speechless.

"..."

Huo Xiang sounded like such a douchebag.

Huo Yao lifted the cap and said with a deep look in her eyes, "No, we need the money."

Huo Xiang was dumbstruck. "???"

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Ren County was a famous sightseeing location in City S, so a lot of online influencers visited it from time to time.

The car finally arrived at the filming location almost three hours later.

Huo Yao had already put on her mask before she got out of the car. The moment they got off, the film crew surrounded them with cameras before they knew it.

Huo Yao felt surprised. She looked at Huo Xiang beside her. "Fourth Older Brother, are we late?" Then she raised her hand to check her wristwatch.

It was only 9:30 am. Was the filming not scheduled to start at 10:00 am?

Compared to Huo Yao's surprised expression, Huo Xiang looked even more stunned. A few moments later, he composed himself. "Oh. Maybe the production team is adjusting the cameras."

Things like this happened when he filmed his MTVs.

Huo Yao narrowed her eyes before looking at the cameras again. "I don't think so."

Since it was Huo Xiang's first time appearing on a live streaming program, he automatically scratched his head. "Let me ask Yu..."

He turned behind as he spoke only to realise that both Tong Yu and the car were long gone.

Huo Xiang: "..."

Meanwhile, inside the live streaming room...

[Oh my! The last mystery guest is Lucky Charm... I'm speechless.]

[The surprise came so quickly that it was like a tornado.]

[PFFFT! What did he mean when he said the production team is adjusting the cameras? Doesn't he know the filming has started?]

[I don't know why but this thing about adjusting the cameras really tickles me.]

[HAHAHAHA! Judging by how stunned Lucky Charm looks, I'm sure the production team duped them!]

[Who is that girl wearing a mask? I heard her addressing Lucky Charm as fourth older brother, so she must be Lucky Charm's baby sister, right?]

[Fourth older brother... Now I know what Lucky Charm's status is at home.]

[Why did his little sister wear a mask? Is she not pretty?]

[Have you not noticed yet? His little sister seems to have better reflexes than her older brother. Look at their expressions now.]

Chapter 322: Are They Creating Hype By Not Showing Their Faces?

The host walked over while Huo Xiang was still in shock.

"It seems Lucky Charm really got surprised," said the host with his microphone when he saw the outpour of comments in the live stream room.

Huo Xiang looked at the host coolly without much expression on his face. "Weren't we starting the filming at 10:00 am?" He sounded like he was gnashing his teeth a little.

The host coughed dryly as he handed a headset to Huo Xiang and said with a straight face, “Just treat it as we are making camera adjustment.”

Huo Xiang: “...”

The host’s eyes landed on Huo Yao. It was clearly visible that he wanted to ask her something. “Can you take off your mask?”

Huo Yao rejected him heartlessly. “No.”

The host choked and was speechless for a second. He turned his head to look at the camera and put on a sad expression. “Even I didn’t get to see his little sister’s face, so the rest of you can forget about it.”

The on-screen comments on the live streaming room instantly erupted with excitement.

[HAHAHA! I can sense how powerless Lucky Charm feels even through the screen.]

[The host is so naughty. Someone might get upset and mail him razor blades.]

[His little sister looks totally cool though!]

[Is she trying to create hype by not showing her face?]

[She’s probably not a celebrity, but it wouldn’t matter whether she shows her face since her older brother is good-looking enough.]

[Sigh. Hugs Lucky Charm.]

Huo Yao and Huo Xiang put on their headsets and followed the host inside.

The location that the production team selected for filming was very picturesque. On her way over, she saw homestays, farms, and ranches. It was almost perfect for the program’s countryside life theme.

Huo Yao was rather surprised.

“Are you nervous?” asked Huo Xiang softly out of concern.

After all, there were so many cameras pointing at them.

Huo Yao lifted her mask a little and said calmly, “Nope.”

“Mhm.” Huo Xiang stopped asking.

They headed over to a homestay at the village before long. The other guests had already arrived 30 minutes earlier.

In reality, the show started at 9:00 am. However, they purposely told Huo Yao and Huo Xiang to come at 10:00 am.

Since Huo Xiang was marketed as the most mysterious and prominent guest, his appearance had to be unique so that it could be equally attention-grabbing.

The three other groups of celebrities for the show were Yin Hai, Shen Si, and Xiao Moling.

Unlike Huo Xiang, all three of them were outstanding artists in the film industry. Yin Hai was a long-time veteran actor, Shen Si had just won the best actress award last year, and Xiao Moling was a popular male idol who won many fans after appearing in a highly successful fantasy television series.

Huo Xiang was the top singer in the music industry with over a hundred million fans. Since he had never participated in any entertainment programs, everyone was shocked to see him.

They all knew about the program inviting a mystery guest but had no idea who it was and did not get the chance to see the live stream on their phones.

Shen Si was the first one to compose herself and said, "It turned out they invited the lead member of Phenom, Lucky. I'm shocked."

"Mr. Qu really spared no effort this time." Yin Hai touched his chin. He walked up and greeted Huo Xiang. Then Yin Hai noticed Huo Yao next to him, wearing a mask. "Hmm? And this is?"

Huo Xiang nodded politely and introduced her. "She's my little sister." Then he paused and purposely glanced into the camera. "She's an introvert."

Chapter 323: Ended Up Taking Responsibility For Everything

Huo Xiang was implying that Huo Yao was wearing a mask because she was an introvert.

Yin Hai naturally figured it out right away. He smiled and greeted her politely. "Hello."

Huo Yao nodded. "Hello."

Her voice sounded deep and magnetic. Despite the mask, her bright, beautiful eyes were particularly arresting.

The person whom Shen Si invited was her cousin. Typically, the family members invited to appear on the program wanted to join the entertainment industry or were already famous.

Her cousin's eyes lit up when she saw Huo Xiang. She walked over to greet him in a gentle and poised manner. She seemed to have an easygoing and adorable personality.

Shen Si did not stop her. Instead, her eyes landed on Huo Yao's face as she asked somewhat curiously. "Are you a celebrity too?"

"No, I'm not," replied Huo Yao courteously. She lowered her eyes and appeared unenthusiastic.

Shen Si narrowed her eyes and stopped probing.

[Why is Lucky's little sister so cold? Doesn't she know who just talked to her?]

[She is a little pretentious.]

[In comparison to Lucky Charm's little sister, Sisi's cousin is more outgoing. She even took the initiative to greet the others.]

[Are you being judgmental here? Didn't you hear Lucky Charm say his little sister is an introvert?]

[Lucky Charm has a cool personality, so is it not normal for his little sister to be the same?]

[Hehehe. Now that you mention it, I really like these cool, withdrawn girls.]

The live stream audience went into a furor. At 10:00 am sharp, the host walked out with a loud hailer.

“The first mission for the show today is to kill chickens.”

The host brought everyone to the backyard and pointed at the numerous chickens which they had prepared behind a fence. “Each team gets one. The first one to slaughter the chicken gets to enjoy a sumptuous spread for lunch.”

“What about the ones who finish last?” asked Yin Hai quietly.

The host turned to look at him and smiled sinisterly. “Other than having salted vegetables and buns, they will have to clean the entire production team’s tableware.”

“That’s too much,” muttered Xiao Moling.

“How can that be considered too much?” said the host airily. Then he opened the fence and continued.

“We will check on you in ten minutes. The countdown has begun, so let’s not waste any time.”

The chickens ran out of the wooden fence the moment it was opened and instantly scattered everywhere in the huge yard.

Everyone was dumbstruck. “!!!”

[Is this their idea of starting with a bang?]

[The production team is absolutely evil.]

[This is killing me. I bet they will not even manage to catch a single chicken in ten minutes.]

[Although it was low of the director to set this up, it looks hilarious.]

Huo Xiang gazed at the chickens running amok in the yard before he turned to look at his sister. After a long time, he said rather sadly, “Little Sister, I’ll do all the dishes.]

[PFFFT! Has he already given up without putting up a fight?]

[He loves his baby sis so much.]

[He ended up taking responsibility for the cleaning. HAHAAH.]

Huo Yao was looking at the audience’s comments when she heard her fourth older brother’s voice. She put her phone away and raised her head. Her lovely eyes looked bold and assertive as she raised her brow and said, “Don’t we just have to kill a chicken?”

Huo Xiang parted his lips, but Huo Yao had unhurriedly rolled up her sleeves before he could say another word.

Chapter 324: Was The Chicken Fit To Touch Miss Huo’s Priceless Hands?

The cameraman had already pointed the camera at her as Huo Yao finished her sentence.

The tall, slender young woman was dressed in sportswear. A cool aura radiated from her when she rolled up her sleeves nonchalantly with her ponytail scattered over her shoulder, looking absolutely relaxed. A mask covered half her face as she glanced at the camera with her deep eyes before veering them away.

The shot instantly made the audience flood the live stream room with remarks.

[Oh my! Lucky Charm's little sister is absolutely cool. Just look at her eyes.]

[I can tell she looks down on her older brother a little by the way she said it was just a matter of killing a chicken.]

[HAHA! She despises Lucky Charm.]

Huo Xiang followed beside his little sister and touched his nose. "Have you slaughtered chickens before?"

"No, I haven't," replied Huo Yao coolly without batting an eye.

Huo Xiang: "..."

The yard was rather large, but the production team did not prepare a lot of chickens. Hence, the entire courtyard was in chaos since all the other guests were trying hard to catch the chickens.

Huo Yao pointed at two chickens in the corner that no one was catching as she tilted her head and looked at Huo Xiang. "Which one do you want?"

Huo Xiang's face twitched. "Oh... Either of them will do."

The important thing was to catch one.

"Okay." Huo Yao nodded her head. She sounded absolutely unworried. It seemed that she was really confident about completing this task.

[That sounded so fake. Not even Yin Hai and Xiao Moling dared to talk like that. She's such a poser.]

[You must be an anti-fan, right? It's not like his little sister said anything offensive. I can't stand people like you.]

[Good luck. It doesn't matter if you can't catch the chicken since your brother will do the dishes.]

Meanwhile, elsewhere.

Zhuo Yun held his phone as he watched Huo Yao and Huo Xiang's live stream. He could not help twitching his lips angrily when he saw the anti-fans' comments. "What the hell would these fans know? Is the chicken even fit to touch Miss Huo's priceless hands?"

Yang Yi's lips twitched hard when he heard Zhuo Yun. He glanced at Zhuo Yun somewhat contemptuously. This bugger had become so obsessive about Huo Yao.

“This won’t do. I have to support her,” said Zhuo Yun as he tapped on the gift section and bought hundreds of little red flowers that quickly washed away the comments on-screen.

Yang Yi’s eyes landed on Zhuo Yun’s phone screen. “Are a few hundred little red flowers your idea of support?”

He had only spent \$200.

So much for being fanatical about Huo Yao.

Zhuo Yun touched his nose and muttered. “I’m not made of money.””

Yang Yi chuckled.

Min Yu leaned on the couch with his phone on his lap. He looked at it nonchalantly before his fair hands tapped on the screen gently.

“100 rockets at a go. Where did this rich guy come from?” shouted Zhuo Yun in surprise.

Each rocket was worth 10,000 credits, so 100 of them was worth...

Zhuo Yun instinctively raised his head and looked at his boss, who was sitting across him.

There was no fluctuation of emotions on his mild features.

Zhuo Yun decided that he might have overthought it and moved his eyes away.

The moment the rockets from the unknown rich guy appeared, all the little red flowers on-screen got swept away.

The whole audience was shocked by the sudden gift. The popularity of Huo Xiang’s live stream room quickly soared.

Huo Yao was unaware of the events that had transpired in the live stream room. She glanced around the yard before her eyes landed on the wicker baskets stacked against the wall. She took one with one hand and walked over to the chicken she was aiming for.

Huo Xiang followed beside her quietly. His little sister held the wicker basket without going near the chicken. Instead, the wicker basket gently flew into the air in an arc.

Huo Xiang’s face froze!

Chapter 325: Mission Accomplished

Huo Yao caught the chicken and walked over a minute later.

“...”

After some time, Huo Xiang finally managed to gather his thoughts as he looked at the chicken in his little sister’s hands. “Little Sister, you’re brilliant.”

Huo Yao only raised her brow with a confident look on her face and walked over to the kitchen.

Huo Xiang did not follow behind her. Instead, he contemplated for two seconds before he raised his head and looked at the wicker basket his little sister had just thrown aside and walked towards it.

He reached his hand out and wanted to lift the wicker basket and throw it out just like his little sister did. However... Huo Xiang went stunned when he realized how heavy it was.

Although it was not super heavy, how did his little sister throw it so effortlessly? That too, with just one hand!

[PFFFT! What's Lucky Charm up to?]

[I think he is trying to emulate what his little sister just did.]

[Lucky Charm, hurry up and toss it like your little sister.]

Huo Xiang turned to look at the camera. He reached his other hand to hug the wicker basket as though nothing happened and headed over to the spot where the rest of them were stacked. Then he somewhat clumsily replaced it.

"Right where it belongs," said Huo Xiang before straightening his back and going to the kitchen. "Oh, it's my little sister's first time killing a chicken."

[HAHAHAHA! That was hilarious. I bet Lucky Charm wanted to throw the wicker basket just now.]

[Right where it belongs? Big brother, why bother creating this image if it's going to end up collapsing?]

[PFFFT! What a turn of events.]

The kitchen was large. Since it only had earthen stoves and no gas, they could use only firewood.

Huo Yao was making a fire when Huo Xiang got to the kitchen.

Huo Xiang looked at the slaughtered chicken by the side before walking up to the stove and squatted down next to his sister. "Let me start the fire."

Huo Yao raised her head and glanced at him. "Do you know how to do it?"

Huo Xiang instantly went quiet.

[I can sense how demoralized Lucky Charm is, even through the screen.]

[Little Sister: Do you know how to do it? Lucky Charm: I...]

[It must have really hurt his feelings.]

[This is unbelievable. Why is his little sister so good with all this work?]

[She must be a country bumpkin.]

Before long, the water in the pot started boiling. Huo Yao took the basin with the dead chicken and placed it inside before ladling hot water to pour onto the chicken.

The other three groups finally caught their chicken. Everyone went quiet when they came back and saw that Huo Xiang's team had already started to defeather their prize.

Shen Si gathered her thoughts and said enviously, "I wish I had such a capable little sister too."

Yin Hai glanced at Shen Si. "In your dreams, anything is possible."

[HAHAHA! Uncle Yin, that really hurt.]

[Sisi's cousin: Although I'm not an all-rounder, I'm adorable.]

[Nannies can do everything.]

Yin Hai checked the time on his wristwatch before he exclaimed. "Darn. We have to do all the dishes today."

Huo Yao had already plucked all the chicken feathers and was rinsing the chicken under a tap before placing it in a clean basin.

Mission accomplished.

Yin Hai and his partner panicked. They hurriedly picked up the knife and prepared to slaughter the chicken. They did not want to end up last.

Xiao Moling and his little brother walked to the side quietly as well.

Only Shen Si and her cousin stood where they were and looked at each other awkwardly.

Her cousin lowered her eyes and looked at the chicken in her hand. Then she walked up to Huo Xiang to ask cautiously in a polite tone. "Lucky, mind helping us?"

Chapter 326: Don't Let Her Use Your Older Brother For Hype

Huo Xiang tended to be cold to outsiders. He looked at his little sister as she wiped her hands with tissue and went quiet for two seconds before veering his eyes away.

He looked at Shen Si and her cousin. Since it was a live stream program and their attitude was good, he had trouble rejecting them and replied instead. "Although I don't know how to kill chicken, I can try my best."

Huo Yao glanced at Huo Xiang with an intense look of scorn.

She walked over and sat on the chair on the side. She took out her phone.

After listening to Huo Xiang, Shen Si's cousin, Wu Miao understood that it was his little sister who did the slaughtering.

Hence, Wu Miao raised her head and looked at Huo Yao. Since Huo Yao did not intend on helping them, she lowered her eyes and did not force her. She could only nod to Huo Xiang and said gently, "Thanks so much."

The live stream room comments exploded right away.

[What is Lucky Charm's sister up to? She didn't help when Wu Miao asked for it and even sat by the side playing with her phone. She's way too unobliging.]

[She could've just helped, but she let her older brother do it even though he doesn't know how to do it. This little sister is so... tsk tsk.]

[She does seem a little unhelpful, but it was normal for her not to. After all, Sisi's cousin didn't ask Lucky Charm's little sister to begin with.]

[You guys are hilarious. Why should she help? Can't you tell that her brother also didn't want her to?]

[Yeah! Lucky Charm dotes on his little sister but could not refuse them, so he told her that he would do it himself. Stop blaming his little sister.]

[I hate people like Sisi's cousin. She knew Lucky Charm's little sister killed the chicken, but she ran to Lucky Charm for help instead. Can't you tell what this implies?]

Huo Yao sat on the bench with her legs lazily crossed as she looked at the live stream room with her phone. She glanced at the comments appearing on it but did not take them to heart.

She glanced at her fourth older brother as he caused more trouble than help and shook her head before looking away.

Since he offered to help, he should deal with it on his own.

A text notification appeared on the phone, and Huo Yao tapped it open.

Meng Ying: [Sister Big Shot, how could you let your brother slaughter the chicken? Doesn't it pain you to see him do it?]

Medicine Pill: [Did you feel sorry for me when I slaughtered the chicken?]

Meng Ying: [I'm going to the live stream room to reveal information about you!]

Medicine Pill: [Think wisely before you post.]

Meng Ying deleted the half-written text.

Meng Ying: [Wu Miao is an awful person. Don't let her use your older brother for hype.]

Huo Yao raised her head and looked at Wu Miao as she kept going close to her fourth older brother from time to time.

Her eyes narrowed and she suddenly stood up to walk over to where her brother was.

Huo Xiang still had a kitchen knife in his hands when he spotted his little sister walking over from the corner of his eyes. He could not help but pause.

"Give me the knife," said Huo Yao indifferently.

Huo Xiang handed over the knife obediently.

Wu Miao was still holding a chicken when she looked at Huo Yao and smiled gratefully. "Thanks."

"Mhm." Huo Yao nodded. She waved the kitchen knife over the chicken as it gleamed menacingly before looking at Wu Miao. "Hold onto it tight."

Huo Xiang's heart inexplicably palpated when he noticed his little sister's actions.

He could sense a murderous aura in the air.

Wu Miao wanted to just pass the chicken to Huo Yao. However, she had no choice but to put on a bold front and pressed the chicken on the chopping board. "Is this okay?"

Chapter 327: Sorry For Getting Blood All Over You

Huo Yao took a glance. "Uh huh. That's fine."

Wu Miao inhaled. Just as she was about to turn her head away, the young woman before her lifted the blade. In a second, Wu Miao felt a warm sensation spraying onto her face.

Wu Miao opened her eyes instantly.

Everyone was stunned by the scene.

Huo Yao put down the knife in her hand, retrieved some tissues from her pocket, and offered one to her. "It's only my second time killing a chicken."

Wu Miao was wearing a white jacket today. Now there was blood on her face, top, and pants. She looked at Huo Yao. Despite the apology, Huo Yao did not genuinely mean it.

Wu Miao looked a little angry. However, she forced a smile since they were streaming live. She acted as if it was not a big deal. "I-It's fine."

She lowered her eyes without taking the tissue from Huo Yao. Instead, she turned to inform the host before leaving quickly to clean up.

Huo Yao raised her brows. She wiped her hands with the tissue without the slightest awkwardness.

Inside the live stream room...

[Darn. She definitely did it on purpose.]

[She got blood all over Shen Si's cousin for asking Lucky Charm to kill the chicken for her. PFFFT! She feels like a domineering CEO to me.]

[Heheh. Sisi's cousin got sprayed with blood, but all she offered was a piece of tissue. Only Lucky Charm's sister could pull that off.]

[They should kick the country bumpkin out of the show.]

[Lucky Charm's sister is so cool. She prevents flies from attempting to get close to her older brother.]

[Somebody wanted to use Lucky Charm's popularity shamelessly. Fortunately, his little sister put an end to it!]

Shen Si glanced calmly at Huo Yao, who did not have a speck of blood on her. Her eyes went completely cold. There was no way Huo Yao did not do it on purpose.

Wu Miao came back a few minutes later. She had changed into a new outfit and cleaned up all the blood on her face.

Fortunately, she had prepared an extra outfit since they were filming in the countryside.

The first mission wrapped up while Wu Miao was changing. Shen Si and Wu Miao naturally were last.

Shen Si looked at the camera helplessly when the host heartlessly announced the results of the mission and said, “Sigh. The production team finally touched delicate young women like us. They are absolutely heartless.”

“It was all my fault for holding up things. I will do the dishes this afternoon,” said Wu Miao annoyingly.

[Why does it sound like she’s blatantly dropping a hint?]

[Would they have come last if Lucky’s little sister didn’t pull that off?]

[She had no intention of helping but changed her mind halfway... Hehe. She was simply devious.]

[You said she was unobliging when she didn’t help. Now that she did, you call her devious. Some contentious people are simply hilarious.]

[She deserved it for asking the wrong person to help.]

The show would gain prominence if there was conflict, so the program’s popularity soared once again.

The director watched from backstage. He was happy with the effect. If all the guests got along well, there was nothing explosive to see.

However, Lucky’s little sister was rather interesting. Qu Yi contemplated before deciding to give her more air time.

All the guests sat in the yard at lunchtime in front of a long rectangular table, waiting for the production team to give them lunch.

“I wonder what they mean by sumptuous lunch,” chatted Yin Hai randomly as he held his chin sitting next to Huo Yao.

Huo Yao was using her phone. The moment she heard this, she replied without even looking up. “I have a feeling that it won’t be anything good.”

Chapter 328: A Killer Question

Yin Hai raised his brow and looked at Huo Yao. “Why?”

“For gimmick.” Huo Yao spoke calmly with a relaxed look on her exquisite features.

“But it still beats our standard-issue salted vegetables and buns,” said Yin Hai sadly. His eyes landed on Huo Yao’s phone screen. “Hey! What game is that?”

“Chicken Wars.”

At the drop of her voice, everyone at the table instantly paused.

The horror of getting overwhelmed by chickens all morning surged into their hearts.

Wu Miao's face could not help freeze as she sat across Huo Yao. Her hands clenched into fists while resting on her knees.

Shen Si glanced at her cousin before suddenly asking Huo Yao with a smile. "You look pretty young, so you must still be studying, right? Are you in middle school?"

"Uh huh," replied Huo Yao softly in a polite tone.

Shen Si continued probing in a casual tone. "Oh. Don't you need to have to take tuition on weekends?"

It sounded like she was asking what a middle school student was doing on an entertainment program instead of focusing on studying.

Huo Yao finally raised her head and looked at Shen Si as she smiled. "I've never taken tuition before."

In the live stream room comments...

[What did she mean when she said she had never taken tuition before? Is she a straight-A student or a lousy student whom no amount of tuition can save?]

[HAHAHA! Her arrogant tone sounds super cool.]

[She's pretending again.]

Huo Yao's smile sent Shen Si into a daze and made her uncomfortable. However, she maintained her amicable face and said, "Sounds like you have good grades."

"I'm pretty average," Huo Yao replied in a perfunctory tone.

Huo Xiang glanced at his little sister. He was used to Huo Yao's habit of keeping a low profile.

"Oh yes. Lucky, was the news about you being injured... a lie?" asked Shen Si somewhat concernedly after failing to get much reaction from Huo Yao.

It was clearly a deliberate line of questioning, especially in the middle of live filming. However, no one noticed how unsuitable it was since the news had spread all over the internet like wildfire previously.

Everyone, including the people on set and his fans watching the live stream, wanted to know whether it was true.

After all, Lucky never stepped forward to clarify the matter.

Huo Xiang pursed his lips and his striking face looked cold as usual. He placed his hands on the table as he eventually said, "If I was injured, Mr. Qu probably wouldn't have invited me to join the show, right?"

Shen Si's eyes glinted and she gave a slow smile. "That's true. I shouldn't even have tried asking. But is Phenom really getting disbanded?"

That... was a killer question.

Yin Hai and Xiao Moling both glanced at Shen Si in shock. It was already inappropriate for her to ask about his injuries, let alone this...

Huo Xiang said nothing and only glanced at Shen Si.

In an instant, the atmosphere became awkward.

Shen Si acted as though she was oblivious of how insensitive her questions were and continued flippantly. "Phenom has been around for years. It would be a real pity for the group to get disbanded."

It was deemed as silent admission if Huo Xiang did not respond to her. She was coercing him into a corner.

In an instant, the live stream room exploded again.

[No way! If Phenom gets disbanded, what am I going to do as their fan for so many years?]

[Lucky clarified that he wasn't injured but said nothing about disbandment. It looks like he's really going to go solo.]

[Sigh! Some people want to kick their former friends aside after they become famous. They can be so heartless.]

[No wonder he didn't clarify such a huge misunderstanding. It's such a disappointment.]

Huo Yao glanced at the live stream room comments as she rubbed her phone with her fingertips before raising her head to look at Shen Si.

Chapter 329: A Sumptuous Lunch

Shen Si acted as though she was unaware of Huo Yao's gaze. A second later, she finally reacted as if she had spoken inappropriately. "Oh, sorry! I shouldn't have brought this up."

Shen Si turned her head to look at her cousin sitting next to her. "Miaomiao, which middle school did you graduate from?"

She quickly changed the subject.

Wu Miao raised her head to reveal her exquisitely made-up face. "I was from No.1 Middle School."

"No.1 Middle School is one of the top five middle schools in the country, so that's really impressive," responded Yin Hai to steer the conversation away from Shen Si's uncomfortable line of questioning.

Wu Miao pursed her lips and smiled. She replied humbly. "It's no big deal. I've already graduated anyway."

Wu Miao paused before her eyes landed on Huo Yao. "What about you? What middle school are you in? If it's No.1 Middle School, we may have met before since I was in the students' council."

Now she was being a bit of a show-off. Anyone from No.1 Middle School would know that people had to go through a stringent selection process by the teachers to get into the students' council, so only the best students could join it.

Before Huo Yao said a word, Huo Xiang replied on her behalf. "Then there's no way you could've crossed paths."

The moment Wu Miao heard this, she said, "I see. She didn't attend No.1 Middle School."

Huo Xiang straightened his body and a proud look instinctively appeared on his face. “Nope. It’s just that my little sister doesn’t participate in stupid extracurricular activities.”

Wu Miao’s face froze.

Huo Xiang didn’t stop there. “But she takes part in a lot of competitions.”

Most of the time, only the best students would participate in competitions.

[PFFFT! I can feel Sisi’s cousin’s face going green.]

[HAHAHA! He said that his little sister doesn’t care about anything else other than competitions. Lucky Charm is showing off his sister, right? You can see how proud he looks.]

[So she is from No.1 Middle School in reality?]

[Are there any students from No.1 Middle School in the live stream room?]

[I’m from No.1 Middle School. But... I don’t think I know her.]

[She’s probably putting up an act again. This is getting so old.]

[She doesn’t need to pretend. She’s absolutely glorious.]

[That idiot is in the wrong live stream room, right? What glory? Do you think you are playing King of Glory?]

New comments quickly replaced these, and the last two comments quietly got erased.

Wu Miao stopped talking after her conversation with Huo Xiang was going nowhere. Instead, she took out her phone and started looking at something.

At this moment, the host walked over carrying two nice paper bags without any logos and placed them on the table.

Yin Hai looked at the paper bag curiously. “I think it’s takeout from a posh hotel.”

Xiao Moling, who had not spoken much till now, said, “It’s too bad we can’t eat it.”

Yin Hai turned to glance at him. “Dude, now you are really making me upset.”

The host slowly removed two drinks, burgers, fries, and snacks from the paper bags under everyone’s stares.

He pushed the food in front of Huo Yao and Huo Xiang and said with a straight face, “It’s impossible for us to serve you a five-star meal, but the production team can certainly afford a sumptuous KFC feast.”

Everyone:, “...”

[PFFFT! Is that their idea of a sumptuous lunch?]

[I even took out my chopsticks. But is this all they are going to eat???]

[This is killing me.]

[Mr. Qu, how much money did KFC bribe you with?]

[All I can say is Lucky's little sister was spot on!]

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Yin Hai looked at Huo Yao. "Did you go behind us and got the script from the director?"

Or else, why would she say she did not think it would be a sumptuous meal earlier when he was talking about it?

Huo Yao was in a slight daze looking at the food. "Erm, I'm too poor to bribe anyone."

Yin Hai spluttered. "PFFFT..."

[No, she didn't get a script from the director. She only looked at the comments behind your backs.]

[I suddenly find her absolutely adorable.]

Yin Hai coughed dryly. His eyes spun before they landed on Huo Yao's face. He chuckled and said, "Now you can start eating your lavish lunch."

[HAHAHA. Uncle Yin is so naughty.]

[Hurry up. Take off your mask and eat.]

Huo Yao glanced sideways at Yin Hai before she stood up and took a burger and drink. "On second thoughts, I better go give the director a red packet."

Yin Hai's lips twitched.

Then Huo Yao headed out towards the courtyard.

Just as a cameraman was about to follow, he heard the director's voice coming from the headset and stopped chasing after Huo Yao.

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Tong Yu came over shortly after Huo Yao left the courtyard.

Huo Yao turned off her headset. "Yu?"

"How are you?" asked Tong Yu with a smile. He had been watching the live stream the entire time and discovered how multi-talented Huo Yao was.

She was especially good at killing chickens.

Huo Yao pulled her mask off, took a sip of water, and said, "I am okay."

She paused before asking him. "Oh yes. Where is Shen Si from?"

Considering how she dared to ask her brother such blunt questions and how polite Yin Hai and Xiao Moling were behaving in front of her, she must possess a powerful background.

Tong Yu had an inkling why Huo Yao was asking and said, "I heard she hails from a powerful clan. Since I haven't crossed paths with her earlier, I didn't take much notice."

Huo Yao contemplated.

"But you and Huo Xiang should do your best to avoid her," continued Tong Yu.

"Sure," replied Huo Yao indifferently.

Huo Yao put her mask back on and headed back to the courtyard after lunch.

In the afternoon, the production team made them complete even trickier tasks than before. They had a tough time the entire day until the filming finally halted at 5:00 pm.

The first episode of the live stream turned out well, and it was a little more popular than Qu Yi had initially expected. Huo Xiang's mysterious little sister became the most popular guest and was a highlight of the episode.

Several entertainment news media platforms reached out to Qu Yi right after the live stream.

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Huo Yao, Huo Xiang, and Tong Yu headed back to City S after the live stream.

It was already past 9:00 pm by the time they got home.

"My daughter is such an all-rounder! You performed so well in the show." Song Ning sat down next to Huo Yao and held her hand as she beamed and praised her daughter.

Song Ning had spent the entire day watching the live stream. She even recommended the program to many of their subordinates. Since it was the weekend, it would not get in their way of work.

Huo Xiang turned to look at Song Ning quietly before asking her. "Then what about me?"

Before Song Ning replied, Huo Jinyan interrupted. "What were you doing? You relied on your sister the entire time. You are completely useless. If I were you, I wouldn't even have the cheek even to ask this question."

"..."

He could determine the status he had in the family, judging from Huo Jinyan's tone.

Only their little sister was their parents' biological child, and everyone else was adopted.

He suddenly felt like running away from home.