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Chapter 981 The Spectacular Qiao Nan

Zou Wenxuan knew that if she had a choice, she would rather have the same or fewer number of people coming to watch their event this year than the past two years. She was not keen to see so many people. These people did not come for the English club events. Now, who in the school was not aware that the two English clubs were competing with each other? The people present today were hoping to be in for a good show.

At the thought of these people who did not mind watching the fun grow, Zou Wenxuan's mood worsened.

"Don't think too much. What we need to do now is to give it our best. Wenxuan, don't give yourself so much pressure." Would the president not know the situation? At this moment, he could only encourage Zou Wenxuan. If she became too bothered with Xu Shengnan's situation, she might perform poorly and fail to maintain the standard of the past two years' events. If that were to happen, Zou Wenxuan would certainly feel very upset after the event.

"Okay." Zou Wenxuan took a deep breath and adjusted her mindset.

At this moment, Zou Wenxuan really felt a little regretful. If she had known that this would happen today, she certainly would have been more serious and sincere in poaching Qiao Nan to her club.

It was only until this moment that Zou Wenxuan felt that she did have some foresight.

Initially, she had just wanted to take precautionary measures. That was the reason she looked for Qiao Nan to poach the latter.

However, at that time, Zou Wenxuan wanted to poach Qiao Nan because of Xu Shengnan. She did not wish to give Xu Shengnan a chance to turn the tides.

If Qiao Nan had listened to her and joined her club, Zou Wenxuan would surely not care much about Qiao Nan. She also would not do as she promised to nurture Qiao Nan and let her become her successor.

At that time, Zou Wenxuan had never taken Qiao Nan seriously. Her glances at Qiao Nan always carried some disdain.

Qiao Nan was not bad-tempered but she was not stupid. In addition, she had the experience of two lifetimes. The twenty-year-old Zou Wenxuan actually dared to wield her knife in front of Qiao Nan, this forty-year-old 'old' lady. What a joke.

Fortunately, although Zou Wenxuan did not take Qiao Nan seriously and was not very sincere when she was poaching Qiao Nan, her attitude was not considered too bad. On the surface, she appeared to be approachable.

Precisely, due to this, although she clearly knew that Zou Wenxuan was sweet-talking and bluffing her in order to poach her, Qiao Nan did not take issue with Zou Wenxuan. She very calmly and coolly declined Zou Wenxuan.

At the thought of the situation then, Zou Wenxuan felt so regretful she wanted to buy some medicine to take.

At that time, Qiao Nan had most likely seen through her. Qiao Nan did not take her words seriously as she knew that she was just paying lip service, that she was just sweet-talking and would not take responsibility for her words.

If she had long known that Qiao Nan was so capable and familiar with Senior Gao Yan, she definitely would have invited Qiao Nan to her club with a serious attitude and extreme sincerity. She would also find ways to let Qiao Nan succeed her, becoming the next vice president.

This was such a high potential blue chip share. She had not discovered it earlier, so be it.

Thereafter, Qiao Nan went knocking on Xu Shengnan's door. She noticed her then.

At that time, if she had been a little more sincere and serious, would Qiao Nan agree to join her club? If so, the one helping her by her side now would be Qiao Nan.

After being in the limelight for two years, this was the last event before her graduation. Now, her previous achievements were going to be destroyed by a college freshman. This kind of outcome was something that no one would have predicted.

Even if Zou Wenxuan felt regretful now, she could not buy any cure for regrets. She would not be able to change the current situation.

“Vice President Xu, everything is in order.” Qiao Nan perspired badly after running around. She informed Xu Shengnan about the general situation.

As the secretary of the new English club, the first task of Qiao Nan was to secure sponsorships.

Initially, Qiao Nan had it all planned. After all, this was the club that she registered for and she was the secretary. No matter what, she had to attend this round of events this year.

In that case, she had found a sponsor and also showed her face at the event.

As an ordinary committee member in the club, Qiao Nan felt that she had done enough. It was already very good.

As expected, Qiao Nan had even planned to buy a packet of melon seeds, make use of her status as the club secretary to pick a good spot and watch the show comfortably while she propped up her legs.

However, Xu Shengnan grabbed Qiao Nan’s collar and criticized her. “Can’t you see how busy the club is now? As the secretary, you’re slacking here. Hurry!”

Thereafter, Xu Shengnan did not give Qiao Nan any chance to reject her. She delegated many miscellaneous tasks for Qiao Nan to complete. As a result, Qiao Nan, who had initially wanted only to be the audience, was anxiously running in front of others and appearing on and off the stage.

When those who were unaware of the situation saw this, they would think that Qiao Nan was actually the leader who arranged and set up this round of events today for the new English club.

Qiao Nan was totally oblivious to this. Clearly, she was just helping Xu Shengnan with the tasks. She did everything under Xu Shengnan’s instructions and was only executing the tasks.

Nevertheless, given this kind of behavior, in the eyes of an ordinary person, they would immediately take her as the one planning and executing the events.

Her role was far from ordinary. The sharp-minded individuals would be able to feel that.

Everyone knew that Xu Shengnan was in her third year of studies this year. She would need to spend more time on social practice in the future. As such, this was the last year that Xu Shengnan would be managing the club. There would be a change in the leadership of the club soon.

China was a democratic country. Of course, even if they were in school, everyone would use democratic ways to conduct elections or nominations.

However, albeit it was an election, everyone was clear about something.

If the junior committee member was guided and recommended by the experienced committee member who would be retiring from the role, it was easier for the one guided by the experienced member to be elected.

Given this, when they saw Qiao Nan, who had just entered the school for slightly more than one month, many were looking at her in a different light.

If Vice President Xu was going to leave the new English club, given the current situation, it seemed that Vice President Xu was going to guide Qiao Nan in succeeding her. So as to speak, there was an 80 to 90 percent chance that the next vice president of the new English club would be Qiao Nan.

At the thought of that, everyone took another look at Qiao Nan.

The difference between an ordinary committee member such as the club secretary and main committee members such as president and vice president was huge.

When it came to eligibility assessment for scholarships at the end of the semester as well as overall grading, Qiao Nan would be in a very advantageous position once she became the vice president of the new English club.

It was, in fact, very rare for a college freshman to become a committee member of a club as they had just entered the school.

Nevertheless, Qiao Nan had done it.

Chapter 982 It Was Useless to Be Envious

As a second-year student, she would have the chance to be selected as a committee member of a club based on her performance in her first year.

Unfortunately, there were not many such available positions in the class as well as in the club, and there were many students in the school.

In short, there were too many boats chasing too few fish.

Even if there were a few more vacancies, the students in the school would still have to go through many rounds of harsh competitions to secure the positions. It was the hard truth.

As the specially privileged persons to be able to study at Peking University-one of the most excellent schools in the country-everyone hoped that they could continue to be the one and only top student in the school.

While the freshmen in the same batch as Qiao Nan had been thinking to make use of their first year in school to perform well so that they could strive to become a committee member next year, Qiao Nan had already secured the position of the vice president. Faced with such a fierce competition and comparison, those who were ambitious to be a committee member felt as if hundreds of arrows had pierced through their bodies, aching from the pain and loss.

As for the second-year students who were older than Qiao Nan, they no longer harbored much hope.

Vice President Xu had already selected Qiao Nan to be the future vice president. Nobody would dare or had the ability to compete with Qiao Nan to be the next vice president of the new English club.

As Qiao Nan's seniors, it was upsetting to be surpassed by their juniors in the running for the next batch of committee members.

It was devastating.

“She was too lucky.” Tang Jiayun was jealous of Qiao Nan.

The reason why she sucked up to Senior Zou was to become a committee member in the club. She did not harbor any hopes of becoming the vice president after Senior Zou stepped down from her position. She only wanted to be a committee member.

She had no hopes of becoming a committee member while Qiao Nan had already secured her position as the vice president.

Everyone had a different life. They were classmates from the same class and faculty. No one would understand the anguish and grievances that Tang Jiayun felt right now.

Ever since school started, she had been working hard to be a committee member.

She had yet to see the fruits of her labor while Qiao Nan was already doing well in her position as the secretary. It was unfair!

“Do you intend to stay here to watch the event organized by the new English club? I won’t join you. The person that I support is Senior Zou. I will leave you to watch the event by yourself.” Lü Yan stomped her feet. She had no wish to watch as Qiao Nan took the limelight for the show today and outshone everyone.

Since everyone was freshmen, it made the contrast stronger.

In particular, Lü Yan had once thought of becoming good friends with Qiao Nan after the kept woman scandal was cleared up.

Today, Qiao Nan was in the limelight. She would outshine others in the future.

However, Qiao Nan was unwilling to be her good friend. Regardless of how capable or famous Qiao Nan was, she would not be able to bask in her light.

Since this was the case, there was no need for her to stay behind to suffer and be upset as Qiao Nan was in the limelight.

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“Humph, what a revolting behavior!” Tang Jiayun did not agree with Lü Yan. Since she had been sucking up to Zou Wenxuan, Tang Jiayun knew of all the details of the established English club’s event. She had grown sick and tired of it. In fact, the event that was organized by the established English club was slightly more successful than the new English club’s.

However, after this semester was over, Senior Zou still had to step down from the position as the vice president and someone else would take over her position. Tang Jiayun knew that even if Zou Wenxuan really stepped down, it was impossible for her to leave the position of the vice president to her. She had to thank her lucky stars if Zou Wenxuan was willing to help her become a committee member.

Besides, Tang Jiayun felt that Zou Wenxuan would not help her become a committee member while she was still the vice president.

Since Tang Jiayun knew that Zou Wenxuan would not help her, she could not be bothered to keep up with her pretenses.

Instead of wasting her effort on Zou Wenxuan, she would rather spend more time on the new English club and to know the situation in the club.

In the event that Qiao Nan really became the vice president of the new English club next year and Tang Jiayun joined the new English club, the latter might have a higher chance of becoming a committee member since they were classmates.

Tang Jiayun was not foolish and she would not make herself suffer in order to maintain her pride. She understood the situation more than anyone.

Before she knew about Qiao Nan’s background, judging from her family situation and the high school that Qiao Nan studied in, she thought that there was nothing spectacular about Qiao Nan. Therefore, she bullied her in order to set off herself.

However, she found out later that Qiao Nan might not have the ability but she knew a lot of influential people. She was able to put aside all her prejudices of Qiao Nan and try ways to please her.

People like her were very annoying. But no one could deny that most of the time, such people were able to do well in society as people liked pleasantries.

Take for instance right now. Tang Jiayun used to suck up to Zou Wenxuan. However, she was able to cast her aside and work on pleasing Qiao Nan since it was more favorable to her.

This was a gamble. In a gamble, there were bound to be wins and losses.

The reason why Qiao Nan was a better choice than Zou Wenxuan was that after this semester, Zou Wenxuan would have to step down from her position and leave the club.

Qiao Nan was different. Qiao Nan was a freshman. Once Xu Shengnan stepped down and passed her position to Qiao Nan, Qiao Nan would be the vice president for a few more years before she had to step down.

Tang Jiayun only knew Qiao Nan for less than two months, but they had some contact with each other.

Tang Jiaxuan had figured out Qiao Nan's personality and temper in the two months: as long as other people did not provoke her, Qiao Nan would not provoke them as well.

Lü Yan created the kept woman scandal and Qiao Nan almost ended up being cursed by other people as a slut.

Even though Qiao Nan had the power for Lü Yan to leave the school, she did not do so. Lü Yan was able to continue to study at Peking University. Qiao Nan might not have done it out of goodwill, but Tang Jiayun could tell from this incident that Qiao Nan was not heartless or evil-natured.

If she joined the new English club, striving to be a committee member, and as long as she did not go overboard or make use of Qiao Nan to get the position-even if she benefited from being with Qiao Nan-Qiao Nan would not be bothered with it or rid her of her position of a committee member.

Tang Jiaxuan was thankful that she did not go overboard when she targeted Qiao Nan in the past. What she had done to Qiao Nan paled in comparison to what Lü Yan had done.

Otherwise, it would be impossible for her to make such plans for herself now.

Chapter 983 As Expected, She Had Discerning Sense of Judgment

Lü Yan, who had left, was a clear example.

Yu Xiaoxiao stared at Tang Jiayun silently. Tang Jiayun used to be arrogant and looked down on Qiao Nan. Now, gone was her arrogance. Instead, she was cautious and focused on flattering and pleasing Qiao Nan.

Yu Xiaoxiao sighed after a long while.

It was useless to say anything now.

Qiao Nan might have a good temper, but it did not mean that she would be friends with people who used to bully her.

Instead, Qiao Nan treated them with indifference.

Tang Jiayun was brazen and shameless to fawn on Qiao Nan, but Qiao Nan treated her with nonchalance.

Yu Xiaoxiao was reminded of her former self who was upright and honest. After she entered university, she seemed to have changed into another person. She was no longer simple and innocent.

She made careful planning but made the wrong bet, and she ended up missing the golden opportunity.

Looking at her former roommate who was dazzling on the stage and was already so much more successful than her, Yu Xiaoxiao felt bitter and she could not help but miss her former innocent self.

If she was still her former self, given her temper, she would not collude with Tang Jiayun when the latter wanted to target Qiao Nan. She also would not mix with Lü Yan.

However, it was too late to say anything now.

Yu Xiaoxiao turned and left silently. She was not Lü Yan. She would not be able to fawn on Senior Zou even when she had made it clear that she disliked Lü Yan.

Neither was she Tang Jiayun. The atmosphere was very stiff and embarrassing between Tang Jiayun and Qiao Nan, but she stood by Qiao Nan's side shamelessly to bask in her light so as to achieve her goal.

"You are merely pretending to be above material pursuits." Tang Jiayun smirked as she watched a dejected Yu Xiaoxiao leave the scene.

What her cousin taught her was right.

It was not easy to survive and make a living in society. College students nowadays did not understand the harsh reality of life. They had a bad temper and were thin-skinned.

After they joined the society, they would realize how difficult it was to earn money and that it was run of the mill to bear with other people's temper. By then, they would regret not making use of the countless opportunities in school and being short-tempered and prideful.

Tang Jiaxuan closed her eyes, trying to suppress her anger. She composed herself and plastered a stiff smile on her distorted face.

She had been through a lot to study at Peking University. Her cousin lent her money to study there.

She must succeed and graduate with excellent results. She had to find a great job and to earn lots of money.

Only then would she be able to support herself, return the money to her cousin, and take care of her.

After sorting out her thoughts and focusing on her goals, Tang Jiayun's smile was not as stiff as before.

Qiao Nan was busy on the stage and did not witness the scene. Otherwise, she would suggest Tang Jiayun join the entertainment industry in the future instead of joining the workforce.

“The show is starting!”

After completing the basic preparation, the new and established English clubs officially started their events for this year respectively.

The events organized by the clubs were roughly the same. Apart from the props and backdrops, what mattered now was the performances—whether they were perfect, smooth, and engaging.

“Wow, it makes a lot of difference to spend a lot of money on it.”

“That’s right. It is good to have money.”

“You are wrong. It is good to have a secretary who can get sponsors.”

“...”

“In fact, the new English club is not so bad. The members are doing quite well and their English standard is quite high. Why did we not notice it in the past? We used to hear that the new English club was terrible. I thought that apart from being poor and not being able to secure the sponsors, they were simply as lousy as dung.”

“Haha, what a bad analogy. Stop your nonsense.”

They had no interest in boring and simple performances.

If the club was short on money, there were a lot of restrictions on the performances that they were able to come up with.

For other clubs, members who joined the clubs would have to pay a membership fee, contributing to the activity fund.

However, the new English club was too poor.

They did not have enough members and they could not get any sponsors. Even if the members paid the membership fees, they might not be able to have the money to rent the costumes for the performance. There was no need to think about other aspects.

“Looking at this year’s performance, the new English club seems to have a change of fate.”

“With Senior Gao and Junior Qiao around, they are bound to succeed.”

“...”

The performances on stage were very interesting, and the audience was engaged in their discussions.

At this time, many people attributed the successful performance of the new English club today to Qiao Nan and forgot about the hard work and contribution made by the performers and Xu Shengnan.

In other circumstances, the seniors who had toiled their guts out and put in a lot of effort in the performances would have found Qiao Nan to be an eyesore.

They were the main performers and they worked the hardest. Why was it that a freshman who entered Peking University for a month took all the credit for their success?

However, the situation was different for the new English club.

Without a doubt, the seniors who were in charge of the performances were uncomfortable when they heard the discussion among the audience.

However, they would never vent their frustrations on Qiao Nan. They would not hate Qiao Nan or stack the deck against her and target her.

On the contrary, they were relieved and glad that after putting in so much effort into the performances, they finally had the chance to perform in front of the students and gain their recognition. The seniors were very grateful to Qiao Nan.

Everyone knew that the performances were made possible because of Qiao Nan.

Money was not everything, but one could not do without money.

If Qiao Nan did not secure the sponsorship for the club, giving them a chance to put up their best performances, other students would sneer at them regardless of how much they practiced.

With this in mind, even though most of the people present credited Qiao Nan for the successful performance, the performers were not angry or upset with Qiao Nan.

Xu Shengnan stood next to Qiao Nan. She handed a bottle of mineral water to Qiao Nan. "Qiao Nan, you are not simple."

As the vice chairman, Xu Shengnan was well aware of that.

All of the members who were in their second year were not upset with Qiao Nan. Instead, they respected her and were grateful to her. Xu Shengnan let out a long sigh. True enough, she had a discerning sense of judgment. She could tell that Qiao Nan was a prodigy.

Chapter 984 Be Entrusted With a Mission at a Critical Momen

When she stepped down from the position of the vice president and Qiao Nan took over the position, she was not the least worried that the senior members and committee members in the club would bully and create trouble for Qiao Nan since she was a newcomer.

Qiao Nan was gulping down water while Xu Shengnan spoke to her. Moreover, the performances on the stage were very loud. She could not hear what Xu Shengnan was talking about. "Vice President Xu, I didn't hear what you said just now."

"I said that you are not simple!" Xu Shengnan shouted at the top of her voice.

Qiao Nan paused momentarily. “How am I not simple?” She made her sound as if she was very scheming.

“You are not simple in all aspects!” Qiao Nan was on friendly terms with Senior Gao who was beyond their reach. Until now, Xu Shengnan still felt surreal. She had a feeling that everything seemed to be a dream.

Perhaps, when she opened her eyes and woke up from her dreams, her success would turn into bubbles and disintegrate.

Success came too sudden for them!

Qiao Nan knitted her eyebrows. “Vice President Xu, are you praising me or digging at me?”

Xu Shengnan felt that she had discerning eyes as she had chosen Qiao Nan. However, Qiao Nan’s impression of Xu Shengnan was that she wanted to kick her out of the new English club during their first club meeting. She was being very fierce to her!

Thereafter, Xu Shengnan ordered her around to do all sorts of tasks. Qiao Nan felt that Xu Shengnan was a tomboy.

At this moment, the performance went very smoothly and it was a great success. To Qiao Nan, Xu Shengnan seemed like a successful career woman.

Qiao Nan must be on her guard against Xu Shengnan. She had high expectations and would not give praise easily.

Could it be that among all the orders that Vice President Xu gave today, there were some tasks that she had not performed well and thus was lecturing her?

“What a fool.” Xu Shengnan berated Qiao Nan jokingly. She was annoyed and amused at the puzzled look on Qiao Nan’s face.

The performances on stage were amazing and wonderful. Even though Qiao Nan had never once been on the stage, everyone’s attention was on Qiao Nan, who had been working backstage today.

If it was someone else, the person would be very arrogant and smug right now.

What was puzzling was that as the party concerned, Qiao Nan seemed unaware of the impact and recognition today's performance had on her. She was only focused on doing her job well.

Qiao Nan was such a cute, capable, and yet at times, foolish junior. Xu Shengnan liked her junior very much.

Xu Shengnan could not help but pat Qiao Nan on the head as if she was petting her cat that she raised at home. "Qiao Nan, are you really a fool? Back when you talked to Senior Gao, you were smart and sly like a fox, and Senior Gao had to obey your words. That day, I had the impression that you are the one at the top of the food chain!"

Senior Gao was able to subdue her, while she subdued Qiao Nan, and Qiao Nan, in turn, subdued Senior Gao.

Xu Shengnan did not know how to react to the thought of the food chain.

Senior Gao was a tough nut to crack, but Qiao Nan managed to get him to provide sponsorship for them. However, Qiao Nan who stood before her right now seemed to be foolish and simple. She posed no threat to other people and was easily bullied by them.

"Vice President Xu, you must not go overboard." Qiao Nan slapped Xu Shengnan's hands away. "I am quite small-minded."

"Hahaha. How small is it?" Xu Shengnan gestured with her hands. "Is it as small as a pinhole?"

Qiao Nan curled her lips. Xu Shengnan seemed to lose her control and kept teasing her. Could it be that she had lost her wits?

The president of the new English club witnessed the scene and revealed a rare and relaxed smile. Qiao Nan was indeed at the top of the food chain.

Xu Shengnan might act as if she was the senior in front of Qiao Nan. However, if one thought carefully about it, everything that Xu Shengnan did today was for Qiao Nan's sake. She did everything so that Qiao Nan would have a smooth transition when she took over the position of the vice president from her next year.

Xu Shengnan always seemed to be eager to win. The president found it rare that she had a gentle and considerate side to her. He almost could not recognize Xu Shengnan whom he had worked with for two years. She took great care of her junior today.

Xu Shengnan might seem strong-minded and competitive, but she was willing to do so much for Qiao Nan. Even if she had benefited from today's performance as well, she was, in fact, subdued by Qiao Nan.

He remembered that a year ago, Zou Wenxuan knew that Xu Shengnan was capable and wanted her to join the established English club and work for her. However, Xu Shengnan was reluctant to admit defeat or work under her. She would rather be a committee member of the new English club, which was not doing well, than join the established English club and be Zou Wenxuan's assistant.

And right now, not only was Xu Shengnan willing to help Qiao Nan, but she even paved the way for her to become her successor and to have a smooth transition. She removed the obstacles and created a good environment for Qiao Nan to take over.

The president stared at Qiao Nan incredulously. He was already applying for his internship. It was true that he was the one who insisted that Qiao Nan stayed in the new English club and for her to be the secretary.

However, it was just a random decision. He did not make any plans.

What was so charming about Qiao Nan that a competitive and aggressive Xu Shengnan was willing to listen to her?

Regardless, as the president of the new English club, he was very pleased with the current situation.

At the very least, he did not let his seniors down and the new English club did not disband under him.

Qiao Nan, his junior, had to take credit for all these!

Everything was going well for the English club. Every senior member and committee member of the club was grateful for the change and success brought about by Qiao Nan. She had brought the new English club to new heights and taken them down a new path.

“Qianqian, what’s wrong? Don’t give me a fright...” Just when everyone was joyous over their success, there was a small commotion among the people who were preparing for their performances backstage.

Xu Shengnan looked solemn. All of the activities went smoothly. She would not allow anything to go wrong at this juncture. “What happened?”

“Vice President Xu, Feng Qianqian, the performer who is up next, has fainted.”

“She seems to be running a fever!”

“This won’t do. She must be sent to the hospital.”

“What about the program? It’s going to be her turn soon.”

The performances today were going smoothly. Everyone was flustered over the incident and they looked worried.

“Qiao Nan, you will go in her stead!”

Chapter 985 I Am Not Dong Cunrui

“What?!” Qiao Nan, who helped support Feng Qianqian, was thinking of sending her to the sick bay or to the hospital. Instead, Xu Shengnan ordered Qiao Nan to stand in for Feng Qianqian out of the blue. Qiao Nan was totally caught off guard and was dumbstruck. “Vice President Xu, what did you say just now? I didn’t hear you clearly. A-are you kidding?”

Crap! In order to do better than the established English club and to hold their heads high, all the performers of the new English club had practiced for a long time.

They did not dare to relax or be lax with their rehearsals even during summer breaks.

Her intention from the start was to be responsible for backstage and do a good job. In the end, she was entrusted with more and more responsibilities.

Feng Qianqian had a fever and could not perform on stage. It was too much of Vice President Xu to want her to perform in her stead. “Vice President Xu, you had better find someone else. I don’t have any experience in performing, and neither have I prepared any program or have any talent. Since it is a performance, one must need music and props. I did not prepare anything. Please stop teasing me.”

Vice President Xu seemed to have the habit of delegating every single task to her. Did she take her for a superwoman?

“Vice President Xu.” The president’s expression darkened. Of course, his anger was not directed at Qiao Nan. He was upset that such an incident happened at this juncture.

They had clearly...

But for something like this to happen now, it was too frustrating.

The president did not blame Feng Qianqian. It might be wrong of her to keep quiet that she was sick, but that was because she really wanted to participate in the event and do her best.

She had good intentions, but what she did was wrong.

Since she valued the event, all the more she must report any unforeseen circumstances to them.

There were not many members in the new English club. The president and Xu Shengnan had already mobilized everyone that they possibly could during the summer break.

Therefore, now that this happened, the new English club did not have any backup program.

Otherwise, Xu Shengnan would not assign multiple tasks to Qiao Nan and treat her as a know-all.

“President, vice president, Feng Qianqian is running a fever. We are done with our performances and we are not needed anymore. How about we send her to the hospital first?” Several students who were the first to perform today said anxiously.

“Okay. There is no time to delay.” The president nodded and made way so that they could send Feng Qianqian to the hospital.

The programs had all been arranged beforehand. Now that Feng Qianqian could not perform, there would be changes to the original timing.

They could change the program lists. However, it would be a big problem if the number of performances and the total duration of the whole program was reduced.

Nobody wanted to lose out to others.

It was especially so for Xu Shengnan. She knew the total duration of the entire program of the established English club.

Even though there were not as many members in her club, she had told her members that they must not lose out to the established English club.

In short, since they could not compete with the established English club in terms of their props or quality of the performances, they must not lose out to them in terms of program duration.

If they could not compete against the established English club, there was no need for the new English club to organize the event. They should admit defeat directly.

Because of Xu Shengnan’s temper, even if they had better props and just as good performances as the established English Club today, she was unwilling to lose to them in terms of program duration.

It was not easy for the new English club to defeat the established English club. However, Xu Shengnan wanted to put up a strong fight. She was unwilling to give up or be slipshod in her work. As long as it was within their means to put in extra effort to make it happen, she would make sure that they did it.

Xu Shengnan pranced around like a ferocious lion with a sullen expression on her face. “Qiao Nan, I know that this will put you in a difficult position, but you do not need to be burdened. You can simply go on stage to sing a song. As for the accompaniment music... It does not matter even if there is no accompaniment music. Do any of you over here know how to play the instrument? Can you play the accompaniment music for Qiao Nan? If not, Qiao Nan, you can sing an unaccompanied song. You are the new star in the school. It will be an added bonus to have you sing on stage. Qiao Nan, we have worked hard for so long. We must not give up at the last moment. We must persist until the end. No matter how difficult it is for you, you have to do it for the club!”

“...” Qiao Nan felt like weeping but had no tears. “Vice President Xu, how am I supposed to do it?”

“Don’t be like this. Like I have said, this is an emergency. It has nothing to do with you. You are entrusted with a mission at a critical moment. Regardless of the results, you do not have to take responsibility for it. You can just go ahead to sing an unaccompanied song on the stage.” There were not enough members. Xu Shengnan had no other choice.

Since they changed the programs at the last minute, they had no time to find accompaniment music. Everything was too rushed.

Xu Shengnan heard that the current program on stage was half-way done. She could not help but turn teary. “The program before you is about to end. Qiao Nan, you have to do it.”

Qiao Nan had a bitter smile on her face. How could it be easy for her to stand on the stage?

“Senior Zou, let me tell you a piece of good news.” Even though Lü Yan was watching the performance at the established English club, she had sharp ears. She heard that there was some trouble at the new English club. “A student for one of the performances of the new English club is sick but kept quiet about it. However, she is too sick and has to be sent to the hospital. The new English club did not have any alternative program. It seems like they are in deep trouble.”

The new English club was down on its luck. But this was definitely a piece of good news to the established English club.

As long as the new English club did not do well, it was pointless that Qiao Nan was the secretary. Even if Qiao Nan became the vice president, she would end up like Senior Xu. It was meaningless to be in the position and she would be bullied.

Lü Yan felt like singing and dancing to celebrate the big crisis that Qiao Nan faced.

“Really?” Zou Wenxuan’s eyes lit up. “In the past, given Xu Shengnan’s temper, even if she did not have any alternative program or had to come up with something right away, she would make sure that the program duration was as long as ours. Take another look to see how Xu Shengnan is dealing with it.”

Zou Wenxuan was elated that the new English club was in trouble.

However, back then, nobody believed that the new English club would be able to secure funds, yet they managed to organize fabulous events and heat up the atmosphere.

Zou Wenxuan had been through similar situations before. Therefore, she dared not rejoice too early. She was patient, wanting to know how Xu Shengnan was going to deal with it.

Qiao Nan had already given a harsh blow by securing the sponsors.

Qiao Nan should not have the capability of helping the new English club to avert the crisis and putting the club back on its feet, did she?

Chapter 986 Force Someone to Put a Square Peg in a Round Hole

Zou Wenxuan bit nervously on the straw in her cup until it was flattened.

Like Xu Shengnan, Zou Wenxuan was the producer of the entire event and she preferred to stay quietly backstage instead of on stage.

In this way, Zou Wenxuan did not need to worry that other people would notice that she was biting on the straw, waiting nervously for Lü Yan’s latest updates.

“Senior Zou, there are some rumors that Vice President Xu wants Qiao Nan to take the stage and perform.” Lü Yan panted, her clothes drenched in perspiration. “Senior Zou, do you think Vice President Xu is too anxious and desperate times call for desperate measures? Qiao Nan is not prepared at all, and she hasn’t been on the stage. Could it be Vice President Xu wants Qiao Nan to go on stage and to tell a few jokes so as to extend the performance?”

If this were the case, their methods were neither brilliant nor sincere.

“It is Qiao Nan again?” Whatever that she feared turned out to be true. Zou Wenxuan sucked in her breath. “D-do you understand Qiao Nan?”

What Zou Wenxuan wanted to ask was whether Qiao Nan had any talents to perform on stage. “I want to know if Qiao Nan is good at singing and dancing. Or does she have other talents?”

Regardless, she was forced to go on stage at the last minute. The whole school knew about the program lists that were handed out long ago.

By then, even if Qiao Nan’s performance was unsatisfactory, nobody would really blame her for being insincere or feel that the new English club did not put in efforts to organize the event.

In Zou Wenxuan’s opinion, now that Xu Shengnan made Qiao Nan go on stage at the last minute, she could only be able to perform the few talents that she could think of just now.

“...” Lü Yan did not feel like answering the question.

Zou Wenxuan was angry at Lü Yan, who grew silent. She slammed her cup on the table, making a loud sound. “You have no answers to my questions. Get out!”

She could only relay to her whatever she heard. She was useless.

Apart from ratting on people, Lü Yan could not provide her with any useful and significant information. Zou Wenxuan was sick and tired of Lü Yan.

“Senior Zou, I...” Lü Yan’s eyes turned red. She had done so many things for Senior Zou. How could the senior lose her temper at her?

Qiao Nan thought deep and considered far, and she hid her real talents. Other than her, Tang Jiayun and Yu Xiaoxiao did not know anything about her as well. How could she be blamed for it?

“Leave!”

“Senior Zou, I will go out first. If there’s anything, you can call for me.” Zou Wenxuan seemed to be really furious. Even though Lü Yan felt that she was wronged and innocent, she had to leave abidingly.

She walked to the front of the stage and looked toward the area where the new English club was organizing its events. She snorted. “You won’t be smug for long.”

She might not know what talents Qiao Nan had.

But in her opinion, if Qiao Nan had the talents, why did she not make use of her position as the secretary of the new English club to earn a chance to perform? In that case, she could be well-known to all the teachers and students at the beginning of the school year.

Qiao Nan could make use of her position for her personal gains, but she did not. It proved that Qiao Nan did not have any talents.

After learning her lessons, Lü Yan had grown smarter. She knew that it was better to keep her speculations to herself, and in particular, not to tell people like Zou Wenxuan.

It would be alright if her guesses were correct. However, if her guesses were wrong, Zou Wenxuan, whom she had to suck up to, would dislike her even more and keep a distance from her.

Lü Yan had no other connections in the school. Up until now, no one was willing to be close to her because of the kept woman scandal.

Lü Yan was very upset at being ostracized by the students.

There was no way that she could be close to other freshmen in the same batch. She had given up hope on them and decided to work on pleasing her seniors.

Perhaps, she would fare better with this new plan.

She had offended every student in the same batch as her. Since Zou Wenxuan was the only senior who could help her, Lü Yan must not do anything to irritate her or be on bad terms with her.

If Qiao Nan performed in Feng Qianqian's stead and failed to put up a good performance, the new English club would flop its events like what happened in the previous years.

In that case, Senior Zou would be elated and would treat her better. She might even take the position of Tang Jiayun to be her able assistant. By the time she was in her second year, she might become a committee member.

Compared to being a committee member of the new English club, she would rather be a committee member of the established English club.

There was a glitter in Lü Yan's eyes. She stopped watching the performances put up by the established English club. Instead, she went over to watch the performances by the new English club.

She wanted to see for herself how Qiao Nan made a fool of herself in front of everyone. If Senior Zou asked her about it, she could then describe the situation vividly to Senior Zou, pleasing her.

Other than the people from the established English club, those who were watching the performances also heard that something had cropped up with the programs of the new English club.

Everyone thought that the new English club would be given a new lease of life with Qiao Nan's help. The new English club must have been down on its luck for such an incident to happen right now.

Everyone was curious to know how the new English club was going to resolve the crisis. Would Xu Shengnan go on stage to perform and get everything under control?

It was Feng Qianqian's turn to go on stage to perform.

Many people who had the new English club's program list with them stared at Feng Qianqian's name on the list and looked toward the empty stage. They were curious to see who would be performing.

The sound of hurried and heavy footsteps was amplified through the microphone. The sound was piercing. Many students who were watching the show could not help but frown and cover their ears. It was too deafening.

Qiao Nan, who wore a white T-shirt and a pair of straight long pants, appeared hurriedly on stage. A baseball cap was worn slanted on her head.

Qiao Nan smiled at the attention that was focused on her. “Embarrassing, it’s so embarrassing. I am being forced on stage. This is dominance, oppression, and ill-treatment! I want democracy and freedom to fight for my own rights!”

Qiao Nan raised her hands to her chest, adopting the stance of an activist.

“Hahahaha...”

The audience broke into a big laugh.

Everyone knew that Qiao Nan did not go on stage voluntarily. She was being forced to put a square peg in a round hole.

Chapter 987 The ‘Cups’ Song

However, Qiao Nan dared to speak candidly about this matter in front of so many people. She even criticized Xu Shengnan and aired her grievances. Everyone was amused.

“This wretched Qiao Nan, let’s see how I should deal with her later!” Xu Shengnan, who was at the backstage, was both amused and angry. She rolled up her sleeves viciously. “After she said that, everyone in the school would think that I am a tigress, a slave driver!”

Damn, this junior was ruining her reputation!

The president covered his mouth and laughed silently.

Tigress? Slave driver?

Wasn’t that already the Xu Shengnan in everyone’s eyes?

“Don’t laugh, everyone. It’s not that you don’t know how fierce Vice President Xu is. I don’t want to be up here but my voice is not as loud as hers. I also don’t have as much strength as her. I... I can’t beat her in either an argument or a fight...” Qiao Nan sounded as if she had some difficulty swallowing. There was also a tinge of pity in her tone which everyone did not know how to describe.

“Sigh. As an ordinary member of the club, I can’t refuse to obey Vice President Xu’s orders. I can only blame it on myself for being weaker than her in physical strength. So, my schoolmates and seniors, please do me a favor and take a look at my performance. If you think that I did not perform well, laugh. Laugh loudly. Don’t ‘boo’ at me. If you think my performance is good, applaud loudly for me. At the very least, I won’t mess up the program and event. Under the sharp claws of Vice President Xu, I have to guard my own life. Thank you for your cooperation.”

After Qiao Nan finished her speech, the audience gave Qiao Nan face and cheered for her. There were also many people who simply applauded loudly and gave her encouragement.

“Thank you, thank you.” At the sight of the response, Qiao Nan, who appeared very composed but was, in fact, very nervous at heart, finally felt calmer. “No matter what, I have been *** out by Vice President Xu. At this moment, I don’t have any elaborate preparations. I certainly don’t have the equipment or set up either. Since I don’t have anything, let’s focus on environment and sustainability as the two main objectives of this performance.”

Qiao Nan took a deep breath silently. It was indeed true when she said that she was unprepared.

Vice President Xu insisted that she sing a song. Qiao Nan had to cram at the eleventh hour and fill the time slot for the show. Singing this song was the easiest way to complete this.

There was neither accompanying background music nor musicians. Qiao Nan would have to rely on herself.

After prepping herself, someone moved a huge and painted piece of wooden plank onto the stage. He also placed a rather hard plastic cup on the wooden plank.

Once the student placed the props properly, he left the stage. At the sight of this, the audience was puzzled.

These props were so simple and crude. They really could not guess what Qiao Nan would be performing in this segment of the program.

Could she be performing a magic show?

Just as everyone was trying to guess in vain what Qiao Nan's performance was, Qiao Nan put her legs together, squatted down, and sat casually on the stage. Everyone below the stage was taken aback at the sight of this.

What tricks were Qiao Nan and the new English club up to?

"..." Lü Yan sneered continuously. "Make-believe? Regardless of how much show she puts on, she will still be laughed at if her performance doesn't have any substance." Did she think that she could control the atmosphere of the performance with that short opening speech of hers? How could Qiao Nan be so naive?

If the quality of the show was not up to the mark, regardless of how good-looking Qiao Nan was or how highly-regarded she was in the new English club, the audience would definitely not give Qiao Nan any face. They would not hold back in their criticisms.

Lü Yan saw that the students from the news club were all holding on to their pens, narrowing their eyes and staring at Qiao Nan, who was on the stage. Those sharp looks of them seemed to be waiting to identify and record down any minor hiccups in Qiao Nan's performance at any moment. Lü Yan crossed her arms and laughed smugly.

This should be considered great happiness ending in sorrow.

Moving forward, she wanted to see whether Qiao Nan dared to be so proud like before and continue to look down on her.

After taking a glance at the props, Qiao Nan, who was totally oblivious to Lü Yan's thoughts, placed one of the microphones on the wooden plank. It was facing directly at the plastic cup that was on the wooden plank.

As for the other microphone on a stand, Qiao Nan adjusted its position such that it was close to her mouth when she sat down on the stage.

After all the preparation, Qiao Nan suddenly raised her hands. They looked so fair and translucent under the lights. She lifted the plastic cup with one hand, inverted it, and slapped it onto the wooden plank with might. At the same time, her other hand was knocking lightly on the wooden plank.

The two hands were carrying out separate tasks. The props were very simple, and her actions were also very simple. Following that crisp and clear sound of cupping and knocks, the audience was surprised at the discovery of a lively and pleasing rhythmic tune.

Qiao Nan came up with this tune with the simplest props. There was no accompanying music. The props were so crude and primitive that it made others feel like shedding tears for her. Expectedly, the more that was the case, the more Qiao Nan's rhythm and music moved the audience's hearts. It made all those who were listening could not help but feel more relax with this simple and lively tune. They began to hum softly along with it.

Initially, the situation was a little chaotic. With Qiao Nan's stunning move, the whole place turned quiet. There was only the sound of people gently humming.

The quieter the audience was, the clearer they could hear the tune performed by Qiao Nan.

"I got my ticket for the long way round.

Two bottles of whiskey for the way.

...

Oh, you're gonna miss me when I'm gone."

Qiao Nan had not learned singing or playing any musical instruments before. She only relied on her pure passion for music and English to sing her once favorite song, 'Cups'.

When she sang, Qiao Nan's voice was as crisp and pure as the music props that she was currently using.

This kind of simple and pure performance made people feel different about the song. With the absence of all the glorious decors, there was a reversion to the most primitive beginning.

A performance that brought one back to one's original roots might seem crude and frivolous. Nevertheless, it could strike a chord in people's hearts very well.

As for the rest of the people, those who could calm down and listen to this song all had their eyes closed as they moved their bodies along with Qiao Nan's rhythm. They were conscientiously listening to the crisp and pure voice and music that were hard to come by.

When Qiao Nan finished the last verse of the song, she inverted the cup on the wooden plank. With a hard and swift slap of the wooden plank, she ended the entire performance.

After she finished singing, Qiao Nan secretly covered her face behind the microphone and heaved a huge sigh of relief.

Damn, certainly, she did not wish for another round of such an experience again.

In her two lifetimes, this was the first time that she was standing under the spotlight and dominating the entire stage. In addition, the audience, who looked so dark and dimmed under the stage, was only staring at her.

Chapter 988 An Amazing Feat that Wowed Everyone

Qiao Nan did not really enjoy such a novel experience. One occurrence was enough. It had better not happen again.

If it were to happen again, she did not have anything else that she could bring out to bluff others.

The moment Xu Shengnan forced her up the stage, when the spotlights shone on her face and pierced her eyes such that she could not open them, no one would be able to understand how blank Qiao Nan's mind was and how lost she felt.

Fortunately, as Qiao Nan's twenty-over years of life experience was more than that of the people in front of her, she eventually managed this matter.

In her previous life, under Ding Jiayi and Qiao Zijin's oppression, Qiao Zijin did not have much personal time or hobbies.

However, although Qiao Nan lacked social life, she still had something of her liking. In the past, when she heard the 'Cups' song, she felt very moved at heart. At the very least, she was rather struck by that song.

Qiao Nan, who was already feeling very exhausted, could not accept those songs with fast rhythm or those that expressed eternal love or life and death.

Qiao Nan had been very frugal all this while. Nevertheless, it was because of this song that for the first time in her life, she spent a sum of money to buy a cell phone that could let her listen to music.

This was the only song that was stored in that cell phone. She had been listening to this one and only song repeatedly.

As she had listened to this song for too many times, although Qiao Nan did not purposely learn how to sing the song, she was able to come up with the rhythm and sing it a cappella.

Xu Shengnan insisted that she replace Feng Qianqian to perform on stage. At that instance, Qiao Nan's mind was in whirlwind and she could not come to her senses after a long time.

It was only when Xu Shengnan wanted her to confirm what she needed for the performance, besides the microphone, did Qiao Nan open her mouth and ask for a cup and a big piece of wooden plank before she could even think.

After saying that, Qiao Nan finally regained her senses.

She then realized that she wanted to perform the 'Cups' song.

Xu Shengnan was the action-oriented type. In addition, the chips were down on the situation before them.

Xu Shengnan could not care less. Once Qiao Nan opened her mouth and made her request, without a word, Xu Shengnan instructed someone to find all the things that Qiao Nan wanted.

Qiao Nan's requirements were too low, not high at all. Hence, the things that she requested for were easy to find.

Before the previous performance ended, the club member had already found and brought back, one by one, what Qiao Nan had requested for.

The club member did not spend more than one minute to find and place the items in front of Qiao Nan.

Looking at the speed of the preparation, Qiao Nan almost cried.

The items had already been prepared. Coupled with Vice President Xu's attitude, regardless of whether she felt like performing, she had to. She could not push away this request anymore. She also did not have any chance to do so.

Qiao Nan took a few deep breaths. She was secretly thinking whether she would have been able to escape from that performance had her requests been higher or more difficult.

Unfortunately, there was no cure for regrets in this world. Qiao Nan also did not have another chance.

No matter how Qiao Nan thought about it, she had to go ahead with the performance.

When she recalled in a daze how she had been forced up the stage to perform the entire song, Qiao Nan broke out in a cold sweat for herself.

When Qiao Nan stood up, she then realized that her legs felt a little numb.

The scariest thing to Qiao Nan was why there wasn't a single reaction from the audience, although she had already finished singing the song.

She did not care anymore. As long as they did not jeer at her, it was fine even if there was no reaction.

At the thought of this, Qiao Nan shuffled her slightly numb feet and came down from the stage, stumbling a little.

Tsk, tsk, tsk. a was only reaching twenty-one years old. Why was her health so poor? She felt so numb after sitting down for just three to four minutes.

After coming down from the stage, Qiao Nan patted Xu Shengnan's shoulders sullenly. "Vice President Xu, I have already done my best. You have said it before. No matter the outcome, the responsibility doesn't lie with me. Also, please don't ask me to do such things again in the future."

She had obviously been forced up the stage today. It was so embarrassing.

"No, it's not true." When she heard Qiao Nan's words, Xu Shengnan regained her senses. "Just now, you... you sang extremely well. Although I don't study music and I don't know what constitutes good music, I know that... I feel that you sang really well. After listening to you, I feel very at ease. Your voice is very crisp and pure."

Right, crisp and pure. Very crisp and pure.

Due to that, although she might not have sensed the charisma of music arts through Qiao Nan's voice, she could feel a sense of spiritual cleansing in it.

"Spiritual cleansing?" Upon hearing what Xu Shengnan had unknowingly said from her heart, Qiao Nan immediately laughed out loud. "Vice President Xu, even if you wish to encourage me, there has to be a limit. Do you take me for a washing detergent?" There were no boundaries in the exaggeration.

Xu Shengnan's face turned red for a while. "It certainly sounds a little exaggerating, but I really feel that way. Qiao Nan, don't belittle yourself. You really sang very well just now. If you don't believe me, see for yourself."

Xu Shengnan pushed Qiao Nan and asked her to look at the situation outside.

True enough, the audience, who were extremely silent earlier, had started to applaud loudly now. Obviously, the affirmation level for Qiao Nan's performance of this song was very high.

Feng Qianqian of the new English club could not perform as she was unwell and sent to the hospital. Qiao Nan had been asked to fill her place at the eleventh hour. Everyone was aware of this situation.

When they saw that Qiao Nan only had a piece of wood plank and a plastic cup as props for her performance, everyone felt that Qiao Nan was too pitiful.

In the past, everyone was used to the new English club using such cheap props during their events.

However, this year, Qiao Nan clearly had secured a substantial sponsorship for the new English club. On the contrary, Qiao Nan, this last-minute substitute, used the least resources. Was the new English club completely giving up on this segment of the program?

It was only when they saw that Qiao Nan could create such a touching tune with the crude and ludicrous props, and when they heard the voice that was as crisp and clear as the mountain streams that everyone was taken back.

So, one could really perform with just a big piece of wooden plank and a plastic cup!

The most amazing thing was that the quality of the performance was actually quite good despite the two props that were easily attainable. That was completely different then.

Everyone knew that Feng Qianqian, the original performer, was sent to the hospital as she was having a fever and the school's sick bay could not attend to her situation.

Otherwise, as Qiao Nan's last-minute substitute performance did not fare worse than the rest of the performances that were prepared since a few months ago, they almost suspected if all these were deliberately arranged by the new English club to create a publicity stunt.

Chapter 989 Could No Longer Compete and Win

“What’s the matter? Aren’t you going to report the latest situation to Senior Zou?” Tang Jiayun put down her hands, which had turned red due to her applause, and looked coldly at Lü Yan. The latter had been waiting to watch Qiao Nan embarrass herself. “Qiao Nan has already finished her performance. If you don’t go now, you should worry that someone will take over your job.”

Sigh, it was no wonder that Lü Yan was wholeheartedly looking forward to Qiao Nan embarrassing herself.

When Tang Jiayun saw that Qiao Nan only had a piece of wooden plank and a cup as props, she nearly doubted if her recent decision had been wrong, whether she had placed the wrong bets again.

Fortunately, she had placed the correct bets this time.

She had finally won this round. Of course, Tang Jiayun felt happy.

When she looked at Lü Yan, who had placed the wrong bets and lost again without a choice, Tang Jiayun felt even more pleased. “Why do you have to pretend to be a boss even though you don’t have the brains? When you have a chance next time, learn more from Yu Xiaoxiao. It’s not a good thing for someone who is not capable to be so ambitious.”

“You...” Lü Yan gritted her teeth. “The one who has the last laugh will be the victor. Don’t you think that you are feeling smug too soon?”

She only sang a song with a piece of wooden plank and a cup. She did not even think that this kind of shabby performance was shameful. Only a group of fools would like such a disrespectful performance by Qiao Nan.

“At the very least, I manage to find pleasure in this performance. No one knows what will happen for sure in the future. I have already worked hard to find a way. What do you have? I don’t deny that the one who has the last laugh will be the victor. However, I just wish to say that you may not be the one that has the last laugh.”

Lü Yan was too lost in her self-confidence. She even dared to openly boast to her. Lü Yan was foolish beyond hopes.

“Alright, I can’t be bothered with you. You can go wherever you think is cool. Senior did not feel positive toward both of us. If you don’t fulfill your tasks quickly, many people will be able to squeeze you away from her side.”

Vice President Xu’s behavior today had already given the first-year and second-year students a reminder.

The seniors who would be handing over the club duties to the next batch of committee members must have already started to identify possible candidates and nurture talents.

It would be better for this kind of matter to be done sooner than later.

If Lü Yan really had plans, she should understand that her priority task on hand was not to find opportunities to see Qiao Nan embarrass herself but to spend more time to plan for herself and put in more effort.

Lü Yan pursed her lips. “Are you so kind as to remind me? What is your motive?”

“You guess?” Tang Jiayun laughed viciously. Kindhearted?

How could she be so kindhearted?

Lü Yan was not Qiao Nan. Although Lü Yan normally did not utter a sound, she was very vicious at heart. She was indeed reflective of the saying of ‘a barking dog never bites’.

No one would provoke Lü Yan. However, when her personal interests were at stake, Lü Yan would quietly run out and take the initiative to bite the other party, not to mention that Tang Jiayun had schemed against Lü Yan before.

She was willing to ‘remind’ Lü Yan because she knew that no matter how hard Lü Yan tried, Senior Zou would not bother about Lü Yan.

Lü Yan could work very hard but her efforts would all be in vain.

At the thought of this, Tang Jiayun felt extremely happy.

Of course, Lü Yan could not figure out Tang Jiayun’s mind. However, Tang Jiayun said something that was right. She had to follow Senior Zou closer by the side.

Otherwise, someone else, and not her, would be standing beside Senior Zou and talking to the latter tomorrow.

Lü Yan's face turned black. She could no longer bother about Qiao Nan's situation. She ran in Zou Wenxuan's direction lest someone else snatch away her job and cause her to lose her usefulness.

Furthermore, Qiao Nan's performance had ended. There was no longer any 'good show' for Lü Yan to watch. Even if Tang Jiayun did not say anything, Lü Yan would not dawdle any longer either. Moreover, at this moment, many people were discussing Qiao Nan's earlier performance. They felt that it was truly not bad and did not fare any less than the programs that had been prepared by others for a few months beforehand.

If they had given Qiao Nan enough time, perhaps Qiao Nan would become the most outstanding one in the new English club's event today.

Nevertheless, although she was not the most outstanding one now, she was the most spectacular one. It was a performance that one could hardly ignore or forget.

When Lü Yan ran to Zou Wenxuan's side, she discovered that Zou Wenxuan was extremely quiet. "Senior Zou?"

"You're back?" Zou Wenxuan seemed a little gloomy. "That's right. You should be back. Here's some money. Help me buy a packet of cigarettes."

"Senior Zou, do you smoke?" It did not seem so. In the past, she had never smelled any cigarette odor on Senior Zou.

"I don't." Zou Wenxuan gave a long sigh. "However, I have a strong urge to smoke today. Hurry up. If you don't wish to run the errand, I will look for someone else." It was just the task of buying a packet of cigarettes. Anyone could make the trip. It was not as if she had to ask Lü Yan to do so. It was just a coincidence that Lü Yan appeared when she wanted to smoke and find someone to buy cigarettes.

"Senior Zou, rest assured. I can run very fast. I will buy the cigarettes back for you immediately." Lü Yan was shocked. She used her fastest speed to buy the cigarettes and lighter and brought them before Zou Wenxuan.

Without a word, Zou Wenxuan lit a cigarette and took a deep smoke.

It was true that she did not smoke previously. She was not used to it and choked immediately. “Cough, cough, cough...”

“Senior Zou, do you want some water?” Senior Zou really did not know how to smoke. Why did she insist on smoking then? Wasn’t she looking to suffer?

Zou Wenxuan patted Lü Yan’s hands away. She took over the cup of water and gulped down a mouthful. “No issue. I’ll be fine after a few more smokes.”

Having said that, true enough, Zou Wenxuan faced the cigarette and took another deep smoke. Unlike her first time, she did not choke that badly. “There’s nothing much to do now. You can go back.”

Although the events of the two English clubs had not ended and there were a few more programs to go before they did, Zou Wenxuan no longer wished to care about all these.

Qiao Nan had been pushed up the stage at the eleventh hour. However, the outcome of her performance was not any worse than those of her own club. At the thought of this, Zou Wenxuan really did not feel confident about this round of events anymore.

Feng Qianqian hid her illness from others and wanted to perform despite being unwell. However, she ultimately succumbed to her illness, fainted, and was sent to the hospital. When Zou Wenxuan heard this, she had thought that heaven was on her side.

There were few members in the new English club. Anyone who could perform for them had already done so. Hence, they did not even have any relief performers.

Otherwise, Feng Qianqian would not have ignored her own health and insisted to perform despite being unwell.

Once Feng Qianqian left, the time slot for her performance would become empty.

This should have been a major disaster for the new English club. However, under one person, Qiao Nan’s best effort to save the dying situation, the performance had become the highlight of the new English club’s events.

Yes, the highlight.

The new English club was no longer poor. However, Qiao Nan used such a 'cheap' performance and improved the reputation of the new English club in the school.

Chapter 990 I Am Already Engaged

Xu Shengnan was so lucky to have met Qiao Nan this year and accepted the latter to become a member of the new English club.

At the thought of this, Zou Wenxuan smoked deeply again. She had simply finished smoking the first cigarette of her lifetime.

When the cigarette butt was burning, Zou Wenxuan's hand was scorched for a moment.

Zou Wenxuan snuffed out the fire. It was impossible for more hiccups to occur for the new English club.

In that case, the events of the old English club would certainly not fare better than that of the new English club. Fortunately, the gap in performance was not that huge.

After throwing the stuffed out cigarette into the trash can, Zou Wenxuan was very upset, thinking, 'From now onward, the new English club is really going to turn the tides and become on par with the old English club.'

"Damn, to hell with it."

Although she was rational, Zou Wenxuan could not come to terms with it. She lost her temper and even kicked and overturned the trash can.

When Zou Wenxuan finished venting her frustration silently, she tidied up her clothes, combed her slightly tousled hair, and rinsed her mouth with water. After confirming that the cigarette smell in her mouth was not as obvious, Zou Wenxuan then gracefully appeared before others and continued to focus on the remaining programs of her club.

So what if she had lost?

Xu Shengnan had lost to her twice but she had only lost to Xu Shengnan once. Moreover, her loss this time did not have much to do with Xu Shengnan. It was because of Qiao Nan.

She was still young and had only lost once. Xu Shengnan was also able to endure two losses. She was able to overcome just one loss.

“It has been tough on everyone today. You have worked hard.” When the events of the new English club ended well, Xu Shengnan was overjoyed. “Everyone has worked hard together for so long. Why don’t I be the host and treat everyone to supper today?”

“Thank you, Vice President Xu.”

“Vice President Xu is so generous!”

Xu Shengnan was not the only one who was happy. Some of the new English club members who had never given up and the long-time club members who had persisted until today felt even happier.

Even if Xu Shengnan did not treat them to supper, they also wished to go for a feast today to reward themselves and celebrate.

They did not need to pay out of their own pocket now as someone else was going to treat them. Of course, everyone was elated.

“Hahaha, it’s seldom that everyone feels so happy. It’s a must.” Xu Shengnan looked bright and cheery. She had to treat so many people to supper. It was destined that Xu Shengnan had to spend a bomb today. Nevertheless, her happiness was not something that money could buy.

Qiao Nan yawned as she patted on her swollen and tired shoulders. “Vice President Xu, it’s late. Also, I don’t live in school, so I have to go home now. All of you should enjoy the supper. I’m not going.”

It was already so late. Qiao Nan had no wish for supper. She was afraid that she would be too full and have a sleepless night.

Most importantly, she had been forced up the stage to perform today. Until now, Qiao Nan still felt a little unsettled at heart. She only wanted to go home, bathe, and sleep comfortably to replenish her energy so that she could continue with her studies tomorrow.

In short, she was not interested in having supper. What she needed most was the ‘nerve-calming tea’.

“Please don’t. I will find someone to send you home after supper. See, we have so many people in the club. Which one of you is going to send Qiao Nan back to her house later?” Xu Shengnan was pleased. She raised her eyebrow as she hinted with a look toward the male club members.

One did not allow benefits created by one’s own work to accrue to others.

Qiao Nan was a good lady. She was smart and pretty. Both her character and temper were not bad.

It was hard to find such a good lady. If the male members in her club were interested, they had to express themselves sooner lest ‘outsiders’ become a step ahead of them.

Having been hinted at by Xu Shengnan, the male seniors of Qiao Nan in the club were quite tempted.

Although the school term had just commenced for a month, most had already done a round of assessment on the looks of each college freshman.

Qiao Nan was good-looking. She was the fresh-faced and sweet-looking type. She was not high-profile but no one could ignore her as well.

The beauty and charisma that she exuded were not stifling. It was very gentle and it made people feel extremely comfortable.

Very few men would not like or not be tempted by a lady with such a temper and charisma.

Within a short time span of one month, although Qiao Nan had not taken over the role of the school belle, she had already been labeled as the faculty belle.

In such a short time, Qiao Nan had already pushed Zou Wenxuan down and taken over the position of the faculty belle. She was also a capable one.

They already had good feelings toward Qiao Nan. In addition, Qiao Nan was the belle of the foreign language faculty and she gave such an outstanding performance today. Only a fool would not take a liking to Qiao Nan.

One could say that Qiao Nan was a little dim-witted. Nevertheless, sometimes, Qiao Nan was quite agile in such matters.

Just as Xu Shengnan had just spoken, a few seniors in the club, especially the male ones, had already turned red in the face. As for the female seniors, they looked slightly unhappy. At the sight of this, Qiao Nan blinked. She stretched out her hands, pulling out the engagement ring that she had been wearing as a necklace. "Vice President Xu, look at this ring. Is it beautiful?"

"..." Xu Shengnan raised her eyebrows, looking a little puzzled. "Since this is a ring, why don't you wear it on your finger? You're wearing it as a pendant of a necklace. It looks good. There are also engravings on it?"

"Of course, this is a gift from my fiancé." Qiao Nan immediately expressed that she already belonged to someone else. College romance did not have anything to do with her. She was not prepared to be involved.

Xu Shengnan was taken back. "F-fiancé? Do girls from where you came from usually address their boyfriend as 'fiancé'?"

"He's not my boyfriend. He's my fiancé. We are already engaged. This is the engagement ring that he gave me." Qiao Nan clarified.

Xu Shengnan flung her head. "It's not strange for your beau to give you this. However, Qiao Nan, you have to know. Engagement is not something that is finalized when both of you have spoken about and agreed on this."

Damn, Qiao Nan had a man!!

At the thought that she did not even have a boyfriend and had never held anyone's hands or kissed anyone before despite being in her third year in college, Xu Shengnan felt that she had been shortchanged. She seemed to be outdated.

It was good that Xu Shengnan was willing to ask. Qiao Nan was only afraid that Xu Shengnan was not willing to clarify. "Of course, the engagement between my fiancé and me has been agreed upon by our respective families."

Qiao Nan was embarrassed to say that the 'old man' in the photo of the kept woman scandal was not the man that kept her as a woman but her future father-in-law.

The reason she boarded her future father-in-law's car was that she was going to take care of her future mother-in-law, who was having a cold and fever at that time.

Xu Shengnan was instantly dumbfounded. "What kind of practice is this in your hometown? How could youngsters settle their lifetime happiness at such a young age? What if you meet someone that you like more in the future? What will happen then?"

According to Qiao Nan's words, she was already engaged before she entered college, no?

It was obviously puppy love!

After confirming that the looks on the senior's eyes were not as enthusiastic anymore, Qiao Nan then tucked the ring back into her clothes. "There is no 'what if'. The one in my family is very outstanding and wonderful. It is impossible to find anyone who is more outstanding than him in this world. I only love him. The irresponsible 'what if'—only those unfaithful and frivolous people will find such excuses for themselves."