

The Substitute Madam Amazes the World Once More

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Chapter 401: An Emergency

Once the results of the competition were announced, the relevant staff of the venue led the members of the various groups to the podium that had been prepared in advance. They were prepared to give out rewards to the groups that had won the top three places in the competition and give out medals and bonuses to the students who had won the first place.

Unexpectedly, at this moment, the organizer of the competition, who was sitting in a high location, suddenly received a call. After answering the call and returning, he immediately raised the microphone again and announced that he had received an anonymous report for the competition. He wanted to calculate and re-rank the results of this competition.

Once he said this, both the students who had just confirmed their victory and those who had failed were in an uproar.

Report?

Why would they suddenly receive an anonymous report on such an international competition and the live broadcast of the competition by the media? Could it be that there were other participating students who had cheated at such an important event?

It had to be known that being caught cheating in such a world-famous competition was even more serious than cheating in the college entrance examination. Not only would it affect the results of this competition, but those with bad circumstances would even be disqualified from the college entrance examination.

Besides that, if nothing unexpected happened, such cheating would definitely be recorded in the candidate's personal file. The bad behavior of being placed in the file would follow a person for the rest of their life. Not only would it affect their studies in high school, but it would also affect their employment after graduation!

Thinking of this, while the invigilator and the other judges on the stage were discussing the solution intensely, the students below the stage also started discussing loudly.

“Someone anonymously reported the participating students for cheating? No way? How can there be students who were bold enough to cheat in such an internationally broadcasted competition? Which country is this person from? I must worship him when it’s announced later!”

“That’s right. If that student had the guts to cheat in front of everyone, why was he caught now? Haha, we are encountering such an interesting incident just at a mere competition!”

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The students discussed among themselves. Some of them only considered the superficial meaning of the invigilator’s words just now, however, some of them thought more and considered the deeper meaning on the other side of the coin.

“That’s not right. If it was just a simple cheating act, the invigilator could have just announced the results and it would have been over. But why is he arguing with the judges with a red face now?”

“That’s indeed a little strange. Speaking of this, I want to think about this in detail.” After saying this, the student continued with a grave tone.

“Do you think it’s possible that the main examiner sent by Country H didn’t want the students from Country Z to get first place and deliberately caused this commotion?”

“Tsk, tsk. If that’s the case, isn’t Country H too bad? Isn’t it just that Country Z’s students have never won the championship before? Is there a need to give them such a bad reputation of cheating?”

The discussion became more and more intense. Mo Zhu and the others, who were in the crowd, naturally listened to the many possibilities that everyone had summarized.

Apart from Mo Zhu standing rooted to the ground with her arms crossed expressionlessly, Meng Ran and Zhang Qi, who had already stood up happily to receive the award, frowned slightly with a heavy heart. They rubbed their hands nervously, not knowing what to do.

A few minutes later, the intense argument between the invigilator and the judge on the high platform finally ended.

The invigilator from Country H took the microphone and turned on the button. He pretended to be calm and announced in a low voice, “Due to a student’s report, the member of Country Z’s team who won the first place this time is suspected of violating the rules in the second round of the team competition. According to the competition rules that were announced before the competition, such actions are considered cheating. Therefore, after discussion by the organizing committee, we have

unanimously decided to cancel the results of this round of competition for all the members of Country Z's team!"

After he said this, everyone present widened their eyes in surprise and opened their mouths in disbelief.

Chapter 402: Convicted of Cheating

What? They had actually guessed correctly. Most of the members of the organizing committee were teachers from local universities in Country H. To be able to come up with such an unbelievable reason, it was hard not to think of that some underhanded deal had taken place!

At this moment, not only were the students from all over the world and the teachers-in-charge discussing intensely, even the audience from Country N who had come to watch the competition could not help but complain about the judges of the organizing committee.

Cancel the results of the second round of the competition? Doesn't that mean that the first place group in Country Z only has the results of the individual competition? In that case, the first place will naturally fall on the head of the team from Country H who had just won second place. Their country's sportsmanship is too embarrassing!"

"That's right, that's right. If this was the outcome even if others won, they might as well hold a Mathematics competition just for the people in Country H. They did this behind everyone's backs after inviting members of other countries. It's really a joke!"

"Yes, to be honest, maybe Country H had spent a lot of money to organize such a big competition with the goal of creating a conspiracy to let their country's team win the first place?"

Although the overall results of Mo Zhu's group was high, the competition's system had set the overall score to include both rounds of the competition. Without the results of the team competition, no matter how high their individual competition score was, they would not be able to be ranked!

The invigilator on the stage had a cold expression. He held the microphone tightly in his hand and continued, "According to the results that the judges have recalculated just now, excluding Country Z's group that has cheated, the group that won the first place in this competition is Country H's Group Aisha. At the same time, Group Aisha's individual results are also ranked first on the overall ranking. I hereby announce that Group Aisha is the champion of the Mathematical Olympiad this time!"

At this moment, Mo Zhu was standing in the test area of the venue, her entire body emitting a cold aura. Her eyes shot coldly at the judges on the high platform, and the coldness in her eyes looked like she was looking at a group of dead people from afar.

After knowing this method of handling the matter, Luo Nan and Li Xiao's eyes darkened. Their faces were dark, and they looked extremely unhappy!

The invigilator announced the results. A staff member led the winning team to the award area one after another. When she passed by Mo Zhu, the girl suddenly took two steps forward, grabbed the staff member's arm, and grabbed the walkie-talkie in front of his chest forcefully. She said coldly, "I know you can hear me. I'm the contestant from Country Z, Mo Zhu. Regarding your rash judgment that our team members had cheated, we request for a statement, a reconsideration, and request for the relevant evidence from the organizing committee!"

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With the walkie-talkie, Mo Zhu's words naturally reached the invigilator's ears. The invigilator stood on the high platform and looked at Mo Zhu angrily in the crowd. His voice already carried a hint of anger. "You have no right to question the decision of the organizing committee!"

After a pause, seeing that more and more people were looking at them inquiringly, the invigilator lowered his eyes and cleared his throat. He raised the microphone and said in a low voice, "Alright, since you insist on asking for evidence, I might as well be frank. In the second round of the competition, your team was reported to have violated the rules of the competition. Furthermore, there is more than one witness. The surveillance video during the competition can also be used as relevant evidence."

When Mo Zhu heard this, her expression turned cold. She asked loudly with an unfriendly tone, "So, what did our group do that violated the rules of the team competition?"

Chapter 403: Winning the First Place

Upon hearing this, the invigilator sneered. "The team competition requires the questions on the paper to be given to the members of the various groups to answer together. What about your group? The members of your group did not answer a single question on the entire set of papers independently!"

After saying this, Mo Zhu clenched her fists tightly with her arms hanging by her sides. She looked up and glanced at the invigilator indifferently. She provoked and questioned, "If the rules of the competition that was announced by the officials previously are correct, there shouldn't be a rule that states that group members are not allowed to answer the questions together in the team competition, right? If the team competition stipulates that everyone has to complete the questions on the paper alone, then why is there a need to split the competition into two rounds!"

Mo Zhu's tone was aggressive. Coupled with the terrifying aura she exuded, it frightened the staff member so much that although he originally stood rooted to the ground, he took a few steps backwards!

Just as she finished speaking, not only the invigilators on the stage, but even the judges of the various countries were silently breaking out in cold sweat secretly.

The truth was indeed as Mo Zhu had said. The rules that the organizing committee had previously issued to the various countries about the setting of the team competition was not very clear.

However, today, Country Z's team had surpassed Country H and clinched the first place. No matter how hard the supervisors and teachers from Country H tried, they could not find any loopholes in Mo Zhu's team's answers. Therefore, they had no choice but to tamper with this.

They had sent someone to inquire just now. Mo Zhu's group was not from a famous school in Beijing, but from an unknown small city beside Beijing. They had originally thought that a country bumpkin from a small Cloud City would definitely not have seen much of the world. Even if she encountered such a matter, she would definitely swallow her anger and not dare to raise any questions. They did not expect that a high school student like Mo Zhu, who was only in her teens, would have such guts to raise doubts on the spot!

When the invigilator heard Mo Zhu's words, his hand that was holding the microphone could not help but clenched tightly. "The final decision for the results of this competition belongs to Country H's organizing committee. If we say that you have violated the rules when you were answering the questions, you have violated the rules!"

Just as the man finished speaking, Mo Zhu could tell from his attitude that there was something fishy about Country H's competition this time. She frowned coldly and reprimanded loudly, "The rules of the competition are not clear. The organizing committee can't determine that we have violated the rules and cheated. Our results should count. The first place belongs to Country Z!"

After a pause, she looked up at the invigilator on the high platform with a firm gaze. There was no hesitation in her words as she said, "This Mathematical Olympiad will be held every year. This year, with Country H as the organizer, the other countries have given you face. The competition this time was done in the form of an international live broadcast. I believe the higher-ups of the Ministry of Education of the other countries have already noticed the commotion here."

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“What your country has done is not only bullying ordinary high school students from our team. Now that there’s such a scandal without evidence, I’m afraid no country will be willing to cooperate with you in the future!”

“You! You little girl, what are you saying!” The invigilator was angered by Mo Zhu’s cold mockery. His face was red, and his arm that was holding the microphone trembled slightly. “You’re trying to provoke and start a battle on purpose. Do you want the members of the International Olympic Committee to have a conflict because of your small competition group?”

Mo Zhu smiled and waved her hand. She crossed her arms and looked at the invigilator coldly. “No, you’re wrong. It’s not that I’m deliberately causing online public opinion to deliberately start a war, but it’s an international treaty that Country H doesn’t abide by!”

Chapter 404: High Public Opinion

When Mo Zhu said this, the anger in the hearts of the people from Country Z present was ignited like a barrel of explosives. Even the teachers and leaders from other countries who came to the venue to be supervisors joined the group that was criticizing Country H.

“This girl is right. Do these people from Country H really think we’re fools? To say such things and cancel Country Z’s results. The rules can’t be changed just because he wants to! He’s looking down on the other participating countries. No, we definitely can’t allow such a thing to happen!”

“That’s right. Today, Country H’s invigilator was able to swallow the first place of Country Z because he casually changed the rules of the competition. He can use the same trick on us another day. This kind of behavior cannot be tolerated!”

At this moment, as the noisy crowd in the venue discussed, the live broadcast that was broadcast back to Country Z through the machine equipment also aroused the strong dissatisfaction of the people watching the live broadcast in Country Z.

Not only were the high school students and professors, who were still in school, supporting those who were participating in the competition in Country N on various social media platforms, but they also published many articles on the international forum complaining about Country H’s bad behavior to report this Mathematics competition.

It was unknown how this matter was widely publicized, but the number of viewers on the live-stream platform instantly shot up and the stream was filled with comments.

“You have to give Country Z a reasonable explanation for this matter. Otherwise, we will definitely not tolerate Country H bullying our contestants again and again. We will definitely report this matter to the relevant leaders and cancel Country H’s right to host any international competitions in the future!”

“I’m a staff member of the headquarters of Country Z’s Ministry of Education. We request the organizing committee of the Mathematics competition organized by Country H to give us a reasonable written statement. Otherwise, it will be a blatant violation of the principle of fairness of the competition!”

“This is the Beijing News media. We have already sent relevant personnel to Country N in time to understand the details. We hope that the organizing committee of Country H can cooperate with our investigation.”

Just as everyone was demanding a reasonable explanation from Country H’s organizing committee, the education department of Country H was also being harassed by phone calls.

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“Director, the matter is brewing faster and faster this time. The situation is getting increasingly serious. If we don’t take some control measures, the public opinion will escalate again. I’m afraid that it will be hard to control the situation at the competition venue in Country N.”

A staff member in a dark black suit who was in charge of answering calls stood in front of the wooden desk and was asking for instructions from an old man who looked to be in his sixties or seventies.

The old man frowned and pinched the space between his eyebrows calmly. “Call the Public Relations Department and ask them what good ideas they have!”

When the staff heard this, he immediately picked up the phone again and dialed a number skillfully.

After a while, he hung up the phone and said in a low voice, “Director, I’ve spoken to the people over there briefly. The Public Relations Department wants us to instruct the people at the competition venue to organize a new team competition. This time, we’ll only let the team from Country Z that has obtained first place compete with the team that gets second place. The winner will then be decided from this competition!”

The old man nodded. He seemed to have thought of something and looked up and asked coldly, “What’s the method of answering the questions? Is it the one that was stipulated in the team competition previously?”

Upon hearing this, the staff quickly waved his hand and replied, “No, the Public Relations Department said that they want to use the spare test questions. Every member of the group will answer the questions separately and then we will consolidate the total score of the five people.”

After saying this, the old man lowered his eyes and pondered quietly for a moment. Then, he discussed it carefully with the other staff in the office for a few minutes. After obtaining a unanimous opinion, he instructed the staff member to call the invigilator from Country H who was at Country N's venue.

After receiving the order from the higher-ups, the invigilator naturally did not dare to be careless. He glanced coldly at Mo Zhu below the stage and announced loudly, "After the discussion of the organizing committee, we have decided to use the spare exam questions for the two teams to complete another round of questions for the team competition. There are a total of five parts to this set of exam papers. Every member of the team can choose a portion of the questions and answer them. After the competition round has started, the members of the team are not allowed to communicate during the entire process of answering the questions!"

Chapter 405: Well Deserved

Meeting at the invigilator's gaze, Mo Zhu looked up and replied coldly, "Sure. As long as your country's team uses the same set of questions as us, I agree to participate in the additional round on behalf of the members of my team."

After the two teams agreed to the rematch, the staff at the venue prepared very quickly. It did not take long for them to seal the backup questions in front of all the audience.

After bringing the two groups of students to the designated table, an inspector took two steps forward and placed a small timer on the table. Then, he began to distribute the questions in an orderly manner.

As the competition this time was carried out in a hurry, the invigilator gave the two groups five minutes to discuss before they began answering the questions. To put it bluntly, these five minutes were for the students to split their questions. The papers had already been handed out to the students, so everyone had to analyze the difficulty of the questions and choose the ones that matched their ability.

As she watched Group Aisha in front of her start to analyze and integrate the contents of each test question, Mo Zhu raised her eyebrows and casually picked up the test questions that the staff had given to their group just now. She roughly glanced at the papers and sneered. She placed the five test papers in front of Meng Ran, Zhang Qi, and the others in order.

"Sister Mo? This is—" Seeing Mo Zhu's actions, Meng Ran frowned in confusion.

When Mo Zhu heard this, she put the test questions that belonged to her in front of her. She instructed the few of them in a low voice, "I've already roughly analyzed the difficulty of the test questions just now. I have given you the questions that are most compatible with your abilities. I've taken a simple look at the questions on the paper and the difficulty is slightly lower than the previous one. I'll set a time for everyone. I'll hand

in the papers on time in half an hour, so you must not exceed half an hour when you answer the questions. It's easier to score if you choose the questions you know how to complete first. You just have to list a few formulas for the rest!"

After saying this, Mo Zhu paused for a moment. Then, she looked up at Jiang Yu and Xing Meng, who had been standing at the side silently since just now. She added lightly, "Although I've taken the most difficult portion, the two portions that are slightly difficult have been given to the two of you. Everyone, do your best!"

Upon hearing Mo Zhu's words, they naturally understood the importance of this round. If they could achieve good results, not only would this be an opportunity for them to bring glory to Country Z, but it would also ruthlessly suppress the arrogance of Country H's judges.

After everyone nodded solemnly in agreement, five minutes had also passed. Seeing that they had completed their distribution of the test questions too, the members of Group Aisha who were seated at the opposite table also had very cautious expressions.

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Another bell rang. The invigilator raised the microphone and announced the start of the round for the two teams.

Under such circumstances, everyone in the venue was careful not to make a sound, afraid of disturbing the competition between the two top teams.

The sound of the pen scratching the draft papers rang clearly in the middle of the venue. Seeing this scene, Luo Nan and Li Xiao stood rooted to the ground nervously, their palms sweating uncontrollably.

Time passed second by second. In order to stabilize the members of the group and prevent everyone from being distracted when answering the questions, even though Mo Zhu only took ten minutes to complete the questions, she still slowed down seriously and recalculated the answers to each question.

She had only taken a few glances at the questions on the other people's papers just now. However, with her understanding of Mathematics and her cooperation with the various members of the group over the past few days, and after looking at the marks and bonus points for the questions with different difficulties set by the organizing committee together with the paper that she had done, Mo Zhu had analyzed that they would definitely be able to shake off Group Aisha.

Chapter 406: Re-answering the Questions

In the audience, Xu Huan was also looking at Mo Zhu, who was answering the questions seriously in the venue, with a worried expression. A moment later, he turned

his eyes and complained unhappily, "Country H is too unprincipled to do this. Brother Huo, if they compete again, do you think they will do something to the papers? Can Little Bamboo still get such high marks?"

Following Xu Huan's words, Huo Xuan pondered quietly for a few seconds before calmly pinching the space between his eyebrows and replying, "With so much media attention on this matter, Country H shouldn't dare to play any tricks openly in front of everyone. We have to believe in Xiao Zhu's ability. Since she has chosen to compete again, she must be confident enough to win the first place!"

As time passed, everyone in the venue stared nervously at the members of the two teams who were answering the questions.

Mo Zhu checked the answers on the test paper again. After confirming that there were no mistakes, she gently raised her head and looked at the timer on the table. When the time accurately indicated that the exam had already gone on for half an hour, she raised her hand on behalf of the group members to hand in the paper.

The staff of the venue took two steps forward to collect the papers. At this moment, Jiang Yu and Xing Meng had almost finished answering all the exam questions. Even if there were two or three questions that they were uncertain about, they tried their best to write down the simple mathematical formulas. In this case, with the solution to the questions presented, the teacher who marked the papers might be able to give them a few more marks.

On the other hand, Meng Ran and Zhang Qi did not have the ability to complete the exam papers. Just as Mo Zhu had expected, although the two of them had gotten the two simplest exam papers in the entire team, this was still an international competition. With their abilities, they were considered ordinary contestants. They had only completed less than two-thirds of the questions. They did not even have the time to look at the remaining questions, and they could not guarantee the accuracy of the questions they had completed.

Just as Mo Zhu's group announced the submission of the papers, the entire group's papers were taken away. After the timekeeper in the venue recorded the time taken for the group to answer the questions, a few teachers who were preparing to mark the papers in public came to the side of the test area.

There was the rustling sound of pen roughly scratching on the papers. The members of Group Aisha were agitated by Mo Zhu handing in her paper in advance. The students in the entire team became anxious.

On the one hand, they were worried that the judges and teachers would moderate Mo Zhu's group's scores as they had handed in the papers in advance. On the other hand, the difficulty of this paper was indeed a little harder than the previous one. In a moment of desperation, they could not focus on answering the questions wholeheartedly!

Mo Zhu looked up at the scene in front of her coldly and sneered. She crossed her arms and stood at the side coldly. After the teachers had finished reviewing their papers and calculated the final score, she looked at the darkening expressions of the teachers from Country H and the smile on her lips deepened.

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Unknowingly, an hour had passed. Although the students in Group Aisha had not finished answering all the questions in their hands, they were worried that if they delayed any longer, it would affect the accumulated points of the entire group. Therefore, the representative of Group Aisha raised her hand on behalf of the other members of the group to hand in the papers.

The exam paper was handed to the teacher-in-charge of marking the papers. Previously, because they had reviewed the same set of questions, the teachers had a simple look at the steps and the final answer. It did not take long for them to finish marking Group Aisha's papers.

They invited a notary to notarize the comprehensive scores of the two groups. A few minutes later, a report card that had been calculated was quickly handed to the director of Country H on the stage.

Lowering his head slightly to look at the results on the report card, the invigilator's expression instantly darkened.

Chapter 407: Overwhelming Strength

He frowned tightly and took the microphone from the staff beside him. He reluctantly and coldly announced the final results after the competition. "The results are out. Next, on behalf of the organizing committee, I will announce the final results of the competition between Group Aisha and Mo Zhu's group."

"Aisha's group has a total of 63 points in the individual competition and 65 points in the team competition. After the notary of the organizing committee calculated and notarized, the average score of the group is 64 points!"

"Mo Zhu's group has a total of 75 points in the individual competition and 79 points in the team competition. After the notary from the organizing committee calculated it, the average score of the group is 77 points!"

Just as the invigilator finished speaking, the venue instantly erupted into chaos.

"Their total score is 77 points! The Mathematical Olympiad has been held for so many years, but such a high score has never appeared before! This group is too amazing. They deserve to be first!"

“No way! The students of Country Z’s team are actually so awesome. Now that the results are out, didn’t they completely crush Group Aisha?”

“Isn’t that so? In my opinion, when the results were announced just now, Country H’s invigilator should not even have mentioned about cheating and forcefully pin them on the students from Country Z. With their ability, taking the exam is nothing to them! Great, they used their ability to get first place again. Country H is really embarrassed now!”

The answers this time were done accurately according to the rules set by the organizing committee. Once the results were announced, with so many media recording the live broadcast, Country H would definitely not dare to cause any trouble!

Thinking of this, Luo Nan and Li Xiao cheered and clapped with the teachers and staff from Country Z.

They started to display the final score of each member of the two groups on the big screen after the competition.

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Apart from Meng Ran and Zhang Qi who had slightly lower results in the team competition, the others had performed steadily and continued to maintain their positions in the top 50. Especially Mo Zhu, she once again firmly took first place with full marks!

The cheers in the venue grew louder and louder. The invigilator cleared his throat with a cold expression and picked up the microphone to continue the next segment.

“Congratulations to Country Z’s candidate, Mo Zhu, for winning the first place in this competition. The group that Mo Zhu is in has also ranked first in the final score! The students who have won the top three and the group who have won the top three, please enter the award area in an orderly manner to receive your medals under the lead of the staff!”

After saying this, Meng Ran and Zhang Qi were so happy that they could not close their mouths. They laughed and spun around a few times.

For students like them, whose results were not even considered top-notch in Jingyang High School, to actually be able to get the first place in the group in an international competition, how glorious was this? Their relatives could brag about it for a few years!

Knowing that all of this was thanks to Mo Zhu, after their joy, the two of them surrounded the girl and praised her non-stop.

“Sister Mo, you’re too amazing. I must have gotten such high marks because I did the questions you specially prepared for me during the special training. When I return to Cloud City, I have to treat you to a big meal no matter what!”

“No, no, no. How can just a meal do? Sister Mo, it’s all thanks to you that we were able to get such a good ranking. If you need anything in the future, just tell me. I’ll follow Sister Mo’s lead!”

Mo Zhu was amused by their words. As she followed the staff member to the podium, she waved her hand and rejected them. “This result was obtained by the two of you through your own efforts. I didn’t put in much effort. You don’t have to thank me.”

Chapter 408: Winning First Place

At this moment, Huo Xuan and Xu Huan, who were sitting in the viewing area, were also very happy for Mo Zhu’s good results.

Xu Huan was so excited that he raised his hand and suddenly patted Huo Xuan’s shoulder. His tone was filled with unconcealable excitement. “Brother Huo, how is Little Bamboo so strong! Why do I feel that this scene is a little familiar? Her genius characteristics are exactly the same as the days when you were studying!”

After a pause, he raised his head and stared at the two bright red highest marks behind Mo Zhu’s name on the big screen. He touched his chin and sighed. “To be able to get the highest marks in such a competition, there will be many people fighting to get a top talent like Xiao Zhu to study Mathematics when she returns to Country Z...”

Upon hearing this, Huo Xuan also thought of this. He frowned slightly and rubbed his palms. He instructed Mo Wu in a low voice, “After the competition ends, arrange for someone to destroy all the recordings, especially the segment on the podium. Remember, Xiao Zhu’s face can’t be announced by any media!”

At the same time, in the Huo family in Beijing.

After finding out the exact time of Mo Zhu’s competition from Huo Xuan, Chen Man brought her sisters to the Huo family to watch her daughter-in-law’s international competition after lunch.

Due to the time difference, when it was morning in Country N, it was afternoon in Country Z. Coincidentally, as the noble ladies of the various families had nothing to do, everyone came to the Huo family to accompany Chen Man to watch the competition.

This competition could be said to have made everyone tremble in fear, especially the scene where Mo Zhu’s results were canceled after she had gotten first place. It made Chen Man’s anger surge into her heart. If not for her sisters beside her persuading her, she would have personally called the organizing committee to complain about Country H’s illegal actions.

Fortunately, in the end, Mo Zhu still relied on her and the team's powerful abilities to win this well-deserved first place. Not only did she prove the team's innocence, but she also obtained an honor that Country Z had not obtained for many years!

The video on the television froze on the gold medal in Mo Zhu's hand. Chen Man stood up from the sofa happily, her hands trembling with excitement. She held her sister's hand with a trembling voice and asked, "Am I seeing things? Is the person who won first place on television really my little girl?"

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Although the woman who was pulled by Chen Man had never seen Mo Zhu with her own eyes before, she did hear the name that the invigilator had said just now. She smiled and shook Chen Man's hand. She replied softly, "Yes, yes, yes. She's your little daughter-in-law."

After a pause, seeing how happy the woman was, she also smiled and congratulated her with envy. "Sister Man, I didn't expect your Xuan'er to be so hardworking. Not only has he taken care of the Huo family well all these years, but he also has such good taste in finding a wife. Why didn't I have the chance to meet such an outstanding daughter-in-law?"

Upon hearing the woman's words and thinking of Huo Xuan and Mo Zhu, Chen Man smiled in relief and said, "Don't say that. The way they met was really coincidental. However, I didn't expect my Xiao Zhu to improve so much in such a short period of time and clinch first place in one go. When this girl comes back, I must prepare a big meal to reward her!"

Just as she finished speaking, another girl behind her sighed and said, "Sigh, Sister Man's little daughter-in-law has won an international award and brought glory to the country and the school. This time, the Huo family has produced another amazing person. Compared to my disappointing youngest son, it really gives me a headache!"

When the woman said this, the noble ladies were amused by her and started talking about their children. There was another burst of laughter in the main hall.

Chapter 409: Holding a Celebratory Banquet

At Country N's competition venue.

Under the lead of the staff, after the students from various universities received their own medals and flowers, they were led back to the hotel by the teacher-in-charge of their school.

As the live broadcast was broadcasted on television by all the countries at the same time, the news that Mo Zhu had won the first place quickly spread throughout Country Z.

This news not only caused an intense discussion among the various famous schools in Beijing, but it also caused a huge uproar in Jingyang High School.

As it was the first time that ten students from Jingyang High School had obtained a spot to participate in the international competition, the teachers and school leaders attached great importance to this competition. Almost as soon as the results were announced, all the students in Jingyang High School knew that a genius student had appeared in Class Eight and won first place in the Mathematical Olympiad!

What class was Class Eight! It was the worst class in the entire level. As everyone knew, all the top students with good potential in Jingyang High School were gathered in Class One of each level. Therefore, Class One had the strongest teachers.

Originally, it was already beyond everyone's expectations that Class Eight could have five students enter the finals. They did not expect the students of Class Eight to be able to get first place in both the individual and group stages. This was a top-notch honor that Jingyang High School had not had in a hundred years!

However, what was strange was that ever since the live broadcast ended, the signal and magnetic field of Country N's venue had been interfered with by some equipment. Apart from the people who had watched the live broadcast and had some impression of this student called Mo Zhu, be it in the domestic or foreign media, the important clips and images of the students answering the questions and on the podium had been lost.

This was especially true for the genius girl named Mo Zhu, who had won first place. People could not find a single relevant photo after searching the entire Internet carefully. The various live-stream websites had even been deliberately attacked by hackers. Even the firewall had been destroyed to the point where it needed to be rebuilt. Even the professional technicians hired by the various companies and websites could not recover it.

The competition officially ended. Under Luo Nan's lead, the students of Country Z lined up and walked out of the venue.

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What was different from when they were pointing at Mo Zhu in the hotel lobby previously was that the students who came from Beijing this time looked at Mo Zhu with admiration.

It was not surprising to see that Mo Zhu did not act according to the rules. After all, everyone could understand that a genius of this level had some special privileges that exceeded ordinary people.

After the students from Country Z obtained good results, Luo Nan and Yao Huan happily decided to find a hotel in Country N to treat the participating students and the teacher-in-charge to a big meal. It could be considered a decent celebration banquet.

After a simple discussion between the teachers who came from Beijing, they instructed the teachers of the various schools to inform their students.

When Li Xiao received the news, he was afraid that Mo Zhu, Xing Meng, and the others would leave early, so he hurriedly searched for their location in the crowd.

The sharp-eyed man saw that Mo Zhu was about to leave the main group and walk to the other side. Li Xiao quickly took two steps forward and stopped the girl. He invited her happily, "Mo Zhu, you've gotten such a good ranking this time. The teacher-in-charge from Beijing said that he wants to hold a simple celebration banquet tonight. The location will be sent to the chat group later. Do you have time to come and participate?"

Seeing that the person blocking the way was Li Xiao, Mo Zhu was not angry. She raised her eyebrows and looked at the man. She waved her hand casually. "I'm not free."

After saying this, Mo Zhu walked around Li Xiao and continued walking. She did not expect her form teacher to be so persistent. He chased after her and continued to persuade her, "Mo Zhu, from the attitude of the teachers in Beijing, 80% of the celebration banquet this time was specially prepared for you. We are from Jingyang High School after all. We more or less represent the school's reputation. It's not good to reject their invitation bluntly, right?"

Chapter 410: Attacked

When Mo Zhu heard this, she lowered her eyes and pondered for a moment. She rubbed her palms calmly and replied, "Alright, send me the time and place later. I'll go take a look after I'm done."

Upon hearing this, Li Xiao smiled happily. A few seconds later, he noticed the girl's use of words. He frowned slightly and said worriedly, "Go over after you're done? Mo Zhu, we're not familiar with Country N. You're just a high school student in your teens. You can't run around blindly. If there's really anything, I'll follow you. I have nothing else to do later..."

Before the man could finish, Mo Zhu had already walked two steps impatiently and left him behind. "Don't worry about me. I have my own arrangements."

After saying this, Mo Zhu ignored Li Xiao and took out her phone to call Huo Xuan. Huo Xuan said that the car was waiting for her at the alley on the east side of the venue.

She walked towards the entrance of the alley. Unexpectedly, before she could take a few steps, a faint cold wind suddenly blew past her from behind. The person was extremely fast. If not for the fact that Mo Zhu was also a martial arts practitioner, she probably would not have noticed the abnormality of this cold wind.

As if she had thought of something, Mo Zhu's expression darkened. She suddenly turned around and prepared to attack. Unexpectedly, before she could acutely find the other party's location, the person who came was subdued by a group of men in black who suddenly appeared behind her.

Seeing that the operation had failed, another mysterious person flashed over from the side with the intention of attacking Mo Zhu. However, before he could get close to the girl, he was dealt with neatly by this group of men in black.

As Mo Zhu had already left the venue, not many people noticed the commotion here, so it naturally did not cause the students to panic and create a fuss.

After settling the scene, the man who looked like the leader of the group of men in black took two steps forward and came to Mo Zhu. He bowed respectfully and said, "Ms. Mo, we didn't scare you, did we? This time, it's our negligence that missed out these two people, giving them the chance to approach you. Don't worry, we will be more careful in screening strangers who want to approach you!"

Mo Zhu looked at the group of men in black who had done everything neatly, be it fighting or cleaning up the scene. She raised her eyebrows with interest and replied lazily with her hands in her coat pocket, "Oh? You're Huo Xuan's people?"

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The man replied respectfully, "Yes, Ms. Mo. Master Huo's car is at the entrance of the East Alley. You can see it from here!"

After saying this, he stopped talking to Mo Zhu. He reached out and pointed in a direction for the girl. Then, he waved his hand and hid in the crowd with his subordinates.

Mo Zhu nodded and turned the corner to Huo Xuan's car. Huo Xuan and Xu Huan were leaning against the car door, waiting for her.

Seeing Mo Zhu walk over, Huo Xuan smiled and wrapped his arm around the girl's shoulder. He said softly, "You must be tired after doing the questions all morning. I know a good restaurant in Country N. Let's go eat first. Then, I'll bring you around here a little. Just treat it as a break after the exam!"

When Xu Huan heard this, he also praised happily, "Little Bamboo, you're too awesome. You can actually get the highest score. Previously, I thought that since you know so much, you definitely wouldn't have time to study and pay attention to the classes in school. I didn't expect that I had still underestimated you!"

When Mo Zhu heard this, she looked up and glanced at Xu Huan as if she was looking at a fool. Then, she replied coldly, "There are many things you won't expect."

After Mo Zhu finished teasing Xu Huan, Huo Xuan took two steps forward and opened the car door for her. After the girl sat down, he closed the car door and instructed Xu Huan in a low voice, "Send the two people who tried to get close to Xiao Zhu to Mi Lai after cutting off their hands and feet and pouring hot oil into them. Let him and the people over there see how powerful and capable we are!"

Since this group of people had the intention of hurting Mo Zhu, he naturally wouldn't let them off easily!

After Xu Huan nodded in agreement, he tactfully gave the other seat in the back seat to Huo Xuan and took the initiative to sit in the front passenger seat.

After the few of them sat down, Mo Wu pressed the engine button and started the car.

Mo Zhu leaned lazily against the back of the chair and was about to close her eyes and rest for a while. Unexpectedly, when her gaze swept across the rearview mirror, she realized that there was a modified off-road vehicle following behind the car.

Chapter 411: Ignore Them

Mo Zhu frowned slightly and looked coldly at the off-road vehicle behind her. A hint of displeasure flashed across her eyes. She turned her head and asked Huo Xuan in a low voice, "Someone seems to be tailing us. How should we deal with it?"

Upon hearing Mo Zhu's words, Huo Xuan waved his hand with a look of understanding. "They're all a bunch of unpresentable things. They can't cause any trouble. Don't worry about them."

After saying this, seeing the hint of fatigue on the girl's face, Huo Xuan raised his hand and ruffled Mo Zhu's hair. He added softly, "You must be tired from completing the papers the entire morning. It will still take some time to reach the hotel. Close your eyes and rest for a while. Don't worry, I'm here."

With Huo Xuan's words, Mo Zhu leaned lazily against the back of the chair and closed her eyes obediently. This was Country N in Southeast Asia, and Huo Xuan was more familiar with this place than her. Since he had said so, he was naturally confident in protecting her safety. Thinking of this, Mo Zhu stopped worrying about these things and fell asleep with her thoughts dispersing off.

The afternoon passed very quickly. After dinner, Huo Xuan brought Mo Zhu around quite a number of famous scenic spots in Country N. Although there were still some people with ill intentions following behind them, before they could take action most of them were cleanly dealt with by Huo Xuan's subordinates who had been quietly lying in ambush in the dark.

The sky gradually darkened. As evening approached, Mo Zhu received the location of the gathering from Li Xiao.

Huo Xuan leaned over and looked at the hotel location that the teachers had booked. He held Mo Zhu's hand and said with a smile, "I didn't expect the teachers from Beijing to have good taste. This hotel is ranked quite high on the list of gourmet restaurants in Country N."

When Huo Xuan found out from Mo Zhu that they were going to have a gathering tonight, he had originally thought that a teacher from Jingyang High School was going to bring these ten participating students to have a meal. He had even wanted to recommend a few small restaurants with Country N's specialty dishes to everyone. He didn't expect that the teacher-in-charge from Beijing would invite all the students to a gathering. Huo Xuan didn't know much about the situation at the schools in Beijing, so he gave up on the idea of recommending a hotel.

According to the location Li Xiao had given him, Huo Xuan quickly sent Mo Zhu to the hotel.

At this moment, Mo Qi happened to call and say that there was something he needed to attend. Seeing that Mo Zhu should be socializing for a while for this meal, he simply told the girl that he would pick her up after her celebration ended and drove straight out of the hotel.

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After Huo Xuan left, Mo Zhu walked towards the entrance of the hotel. A waiter was already waiting at the entrance. After asking for her private room number, the waiter walked in front and led Mo Zhu to the private room.

The hotel was booked by Luo Nan. The overall decoration of this hotel was simple and elegant. From the revolving door at the entrance, it looked very elegant and had an ancient charm. Not only were the overall decorations in the hotel made of high-end wood, but even the walls and corners everywhere were filled with rare screens and expensive calligraphy and paintings that were bought at high prices.

The signature of this hotel integrating the specialties of Country Z with the classic dishes of Country N and developing delicacies that exceeded the national boundaries. It was precisely because of this that Luo Nan chose this hotel after planning for the entire afternoon.

Under the guidance of the waiter, Mo Zhu quickly arrived at the door of the private room. She pushed the door open forcefully and walked in. Unexpectedly, before she could see the structure and decorations of the private room, a mocking voice came from beside her.

“Hmph, she deliberately came so late and made everyone wait for her. How shameless!”

Her tone was filled with disdain that could not be ignored. When Mo Zhu heard this, she looked up and realized that the person standing near the door of the private room was Kang Wan.

That’s right. This girl had always been a worrisome person. She did not get into a conflict with her during the training in Beijing, causing Mo Zhu to forget about her existence in this competition.

Chapter 412: Kang Wan’s Provocation

Since she knew that the person who came with ill intentions was this lady, Mo Zhu could not be bothered with this person who had nothing better to do.

She walked straight past the girl. The moment Mo Zhu’s figure approached the center of the private room, she immediately attracted the attention of her classmates and teachers.

Seeing that Mo Zhu had arrived, Luo Nan happily raised a glass of wine and greeted her with a smile. “You’re finally here. Mo Zhu, I thought you weren’t willing to participate in such a gathering? It’s good that you’re here, it’s good that you’re here.”

After saying this, he held his wine glass and took a small microphone from the work table where the waiter was serving the dishes. He gently pressed the switch and Luo Nan cleared his throat before saying, “In this Olympiad Mathematics competition, the students of Country Z have worked together and won a good ranking for our country. We have also won honor for the various schools. As the responsible teacher of the students’ training class, I’m very relieved!”

After a pause, Luo Nan’s eyes were slightly moist as he continued, “Especially Mo Zhu from Jingyang High School and the group she’s in. They have helped our country get the first place in the competition that we never even dared to think about in the past. Not only are we celebrating your outstanding results this time, but we are also congratulating Mo Zhu and her group for getting this hard-won first place!”

After saying this, the students happily raised their glasses and clinked them with their close friends and teachers. Although underage students could not drink and the glasses in the students’ hands were filled with fruit juice, this did not affect everyone’s enthusiasm.

At this moment, the atmosphere was pushed to a climax by Luo Nan's words. Some of the students who were extroverts surrounded Mo Zhu enthusiastically and asked her curiously about how she studied and her way of answering questions.

Seeing how popular Mo Zhu was, Kang Wan, who was standing afar in the corner of the private room, had a dark expression. She gritted her teeth and clenched her fists quietly.

A few days ago, she had heard about what had happened in the Kang family from her aunt. Although her family wasn't very close to Kang Ting's family, she had often played with Kang Ying since she was young. After she had separated from the family, she often went to the Kang family's old mansion to visit her cousin. Naturally, they were close.

And there was also the matter of Lin Yuan losing her arm. She could not think of how a person could survive in the circle of noble ladies in Beijing without her hands, not to mention Lin Yuan, who was so vain.

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Mo Zhu had harmed the Kang family to such a state, but she was still loved dearly by everyone. Thinking of this, Kang Wan's eyes darkened, and the hatred in her heart instantly filled her head.

She had originally thought that this Mathematics competition would be able to deal a blow to Mo Zhu and dampen her spirit. She did not expect that the trashy students overseas would let her get first place!

Looking at Mo Zhu, who was surrounded by everyone with extreme enthusiasm, she sneered coldly and muttered, "I don't believe that you can be so lucky forever. I'll let you have a taste of my power sooner or later!"

Seeing that Mo Zhu was unable to handle the surrounding students, Meng Ran stood up from the table that was assigned to the students of Jingyang High School. She quickly walked two steps to the girl and said to everyone with a smile, "Sister Mo was busy the whole day and just arrived here. She must be very hungry now. If everyone has any questions, why don't you ask her later? Why don't you let her eat something first?"

Once Meng Ran said this, some of the more understanding students nodded obediently and turned to leave. However, there were also some young ladies from the wealthy families in Beijing who were more difficult to deal with and were still chattering non-stop.

Chapter 413: Xing Meng Takes Action

Just by looking at their clothes, Meng Ran could guess that the group of young ladies surrounding Mo Zhu and refusing to leave were from big families. She knew that her family background was ordinary, so she naturally did not dare to chase them away.

Just as Meng Ran was overwhelmed and could not think of any other good ideas, a cold female voice came from behind. "Ladies, everyone has traveled a long way to Country N to participate in the competition. After solving questions for the entire morning, everyone must be tired. Why don't we go back to our seats first and catch up after we've eaten and drunk our fill?"

Just as she finished speaking, Mo Zhu instantly recognized the girl through her voice.

She looked up and stared expressionlessly at Xing Meng, who had suddenly appeared in front of everyone. She raised her eyebrows with interest and stood calmly with her hands in her pocket.

Everyone might not know Mo Zhu's identity and background, but it was impossible for them not to recognize this imposing eldest daughter of the Xing family. Seeing Xing Meng stand up personally and say this, even if those young ladies did not want to leave, they had to give the Xing family some face.

A few seconds later, everyone looked at each other and smiled. After exchanging a few more pleasantries, they left disappointedly.

After the crowd dispersed, only the three of them were left in this small area. Meng Ran took two steps closer to Mo Zhu happily and invited her with a smile, "Sister Mo, the teachers have allocated seats for us. Knowing that you were coming, I had reserved seats for the two of us long ago. Come with me!"

After saying this, she waved her hand and wanted to bring Mo Zhu to sit down and eat. Unexpectedly, just as she said this, Mo Zhu shook her head and rejected her. "You go over first. I'll talk to Xing Meng here."

When Meng Ran heard this, she frowned slightly and looked up at Xing Meng. Although she was very curious when Mo Zhu had become so close to this girl, she still nodded and returned to her seat obediently. As she walked, she instructed Mo Zhu, "Sister Mo, if you have anything to say, hurry up and say it. Our dishes have been served for a while. If it's placed on the table for too long, it won't taste good anymore!"

Through her interaction with Xing Meng over the past few days, Meng Ran's impression of the eldest daughter of the Xing family had changed. Apart from the fact that she had injured her previously, Xing Meng's temper had improved a lot. She had even been treating others kindly recently.

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After Meng Ran left, Mo Zhu casually picked up a glass of wine that the waiter had poured for her. She gently shook the glass and placed it by her mouth. She took a sip and asked, "You specially came to look for me. What's the matter?"

Upon hearing this, Xing Meng raised her eyebrows and laughed. "Haha, as expected of you. Mo Zhu, you can even guess that I came to help you because I have something to ask from you?"

After a pause, she imitated Mo Zhu and took a glass of wine. She took a small sip and added, "Mo Zhu, no matter what, we were roommates who stayed in the same dormitory. We even participated in training together and got a good ranking in the competition in the same group. Why are you still so cold to me? Can you be a little more enthusiastic?"

When Mo Zhu heard this, she sneered and mocked, "Cold? I'm already very friendly to you. Those who provoke me won't be talking to me while they are standing up."

Xing Meng smiled, as if she had long expected Mo Zhu to say such words so arrogantly. Her fingers gently rubbed the wall of the wine glass and she nodded before continuing, "Since you've made it clear, I'll be frank. I came to you because I have something I want to know about from you."

"I heard that you fought in the Kang family two days ago and the other party is very strong?"

Just as she finished speaking, Mo Zhu looked up at Xing Meng. After sizing the girl up with a sharp gaze, she retracted her gaze and replied indifferently, "That's right. The Kang family does have experts."

After saying this, she seemed to have thought of something and asked Xing Meng in a low voice, "Speaking of this, I want to ask you, with the Xing family's strength and foundation in Beijing, how much do you know about internal energy?"

Chapter 414: Internal Energy

Xing Meng was about to take another sip of wine when she was so shocked by Mo Zhu's words that she almost choked on the wine. She did not expect this girl to ask such a direct question. She coughed dryly to catch her breath and frowned slightly as she pondered for a moment before answering, "To be honest, although I know a little about internal energy techniques, I only have a superficial understanding of these profound skills."

Mo Zhu raised her eyebrows and glanced at Xing Meng calmly before continuing, "You don't know much? Your Xing family has studied martial arts for so long, haven't you invited experts to study these?"

Following Mo Zhu's words, Xing Meng thought for a few seconds. A few seconds later, she shook her head and replied, "Although our Xing family has been extremely famous in Beijing and amongst the other families outside all these years, we're only practicing ordinary martial arts. We just have rather deep and vast knowledge about it. Besides that, our clansmen have done well."

"Regarding internal energy, I only had the chance to learn this kind of martial arts by chance."

When Mo Zhu heard this, she picked up her glass and took another sip of wine. She lowered her eyes as if she was deep in thought and did not continue the conversation.

Seeing that Mo Zhu was silent, Xing Meng recalled that she had not finished asking Mo Zhu's question. She held her glass and gently clinked it with the girl's glass before they met and continued, "That day at the Kang family, did you meet an expert who knew internal energy?"

Upon hearing this, Mo Zhu nodded in agreement. The matter had blown up so much, and she did not want to deliberately hide it from Xing Meng. "That's right. That person looks like he's only in his teens, but his internal energy and abilities are cultivated to an extremely high level. Besides that, when I fought him, I had probed his moves. That young man was ruthless and he had learned fatal moves. From the looks of it, he should have been specially nurtured by someone to be a 'lethal weapon' used to kill."

Upon hearing such shocking news from Mo Zhu, Xing Meng's eyes widened in shock. She frowned slightly in disbelief and said, "A killing weapon? Previously, our Xing family only received news that someone had used internal energy on the night you fought with the Kang family. That's why the master asked me to ask you about this personally. I didn't expect there to be such a thing that the Xing family didn't notice!"

Xing Meng understood Mo Zhu. This girl was usually very arrogant, but the things that came out of her mouth were definitely not fabricated by her. If the truth was really as Mo Zhu had guessed, that someone in Beijing had secretly nurtured such a "murder weapon" and had easily escaped the eyes of the Xing family that had been in Beijing for so many years. Then there must be an expert behind this organization, and their strength could not be underestimated!

Thinking of this, she clenched the wine glass in her hand and said in a low voice, "You might not know this, but the Xing family has been established in Beijing for so many years. Although we appear to be nurturing military talents to serve the country, we have actually been researching all sorts of strange weapons and medicine."

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Upon hearing this, Mo Zhu lowered her head and took a sip of wine. She looked straight into Xing Meng's eyes and signaled her to continue.

“I don’t know much about the family’s history and what happened many years ago, but recently, I found out from the master that many children of noble families have mysteriously disappeared in Beijing. I also found out that many special poisons have appeared in the country!”

Xing Meng frowned tightly and looked very worried. “In addition, there’s a mysterious person with an unknown identity who suddenly appeared in the Kang family. If these things are not a coincidence and are controlled by an organization, I’m afraid Beijing will welcome an unprecedented calamity in a short period of time!”

After saying this, seeing that Mo Zhu was staring straight at her and not answering, she looked back at the girl and asked in confusion, “Mo Zhu, I’ve already said so much. Aren’t you going to express your opinion?”

When Mo Zhu heard this, she raised her eyebrows and casually put down the glass in her hand. She spread her hands and asked, “These things have nothing to do with me. What is there for me to worry about?”

Chapter 415: Related to It

Xing Meng choked on Mo Zhu’s words. She raised her hand and pinched the space between her eyebrows with a headache. Her tone carried a hint of helplessness as she said, “Mo Zhu, although you’re not a young lady from a big family, once this biological weapon is released, the entire world can’t avoid a disaster. Even if you have extraordinary abilities and can temporarily dodge it, you definitely can’t hide for the rest of your life. Instead of sitting here and waiting for death, why don’t you cooperate with the Xing family and take the initiative to attack?”

Mo Zhu waved her hand and refused with disinterest. “Why should I go with you? If they are really threatening to me, I have my own ways to investigate these things. Why should I use the Xing family?”

After being reminded by Mo Zhu, Xing Meng immediately lowered her eyes and pondered over the reason to persuade Mo Zhu. After a while, she seemed to have thought of something and looked up at the girl. “Mo Zhu, you can ignore the lives of others or choose to ignore these schemes, but aren’t you curious about the Guan Yin statue your grandmother left for you?”

Upon hearing this, Mo Zhu’s pupils suddenly constricted, and a cold glint instantly flashed across her eyes. She asked Xing Meng unhappily, “Where did you find out about the Guan Yin statue? What else do you know?”

Seeing that Mo Zhu was indeed interested in this matter, Xing Meng raised her eyebrows and explained in a low voice, “The current master of the Xing family is my grandfather. Your grandmother and he are old friends. He was the one who told me

about this. He wanted me to talk to you personally because he wanted to help you find out the truth.”

Sensing that Mo Zhu’s thoughts were wavering, Xing Meng pursed her lips and added, “Of course, words are useless without proof. If you want to know more, I’ll bring you to the Xing family to have a good talk with my grandfather when we return to Beijing. My grandfather is very sincere about our cooperation and he will definitely tell you everything he knows!”

Just as she finished speaking, she noticed that many people who were interested in the two of them had come over one after another. Xing Meng lowered her eyes and coughed twice. “Think about my suggestion just now. Give me an answer anytime after you’ve thought it through!”

After saying this, Xing Meng pretended that nothing had happened and looked around. She turned around and walked into the crowd, looking for her familiar friends to chat with.

Mo Zhu watched the girl leave and knocked her fingers on the table beside her where the wine glasses were placed. She pondered for a while before turning around and going to Meng Ran’s table.

After tasting the dishes on the table briefly, she could not tell if they were delicious or not. Mo Zhu casually ate two mouthfuls and started playing with her phone in her seat.

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After the gathering ended, Huo Xuan sent a message saying that his car was parked at the entrance of the hotel waiting for her to come out.

In the crowd, she found Li Xiao and Luo Nan, who were leading the team and preparing to book a car to return to the hotel. Mo Zhu told the two of them that she would not be following the main group tonight.

Since Mo Zhu had made such a request personally, the two of them naturally did not dare to reject her. After reminding the girl to be careful in the foreign country, they let her leave.

After receiving the teacher’s approval, just as Mo Zhu was about to walk towards the door, Zhang Qi suddenly ran over with an anxious expression and said in a panic, “Sister Mo, Sister Mo, something bad has happened. Meng Ran is missing!”

When Mo Zhu heard this, she frowned and asked, “What’s going on? Where did she go?”

Zhang Qi held his knees and panted heavily. His voice was a little hoarse. "Just now, after eating in the private room, she gave me her backpack and asked me to wait for her at the door. She said that she would catch up to us after going to the washroom first. In the end, nearly half an hour had passed. The teachers have roll called and everyone is present except for her, but she didn't appear!"

Patting Zhang Qi's shoulder comfortingly, Mo Zhu said in a low voice, "Don't worry. Which washroom did she go to? Bring me there to take a look!"

Upon hearing that Meng Ran had disappeared silently for half an hour, a bad feeling welled up in Mo Zhu's heart. She suppressed her chaotic emotions and followed Zhang Qi towards the washroom.

Chapter 416: Meng Ran's Disappearance

The two of them walked quickly and in no time, they arrived at the washroom Meng Ran had visited.

She carefully opened the door of every washroom and searched the entire washroom, but she did not see any traces of Meng Ran.

She lowered her eyes and thought that something was wrong. Just as she was about to inform the hotel with a frown, she suddenly saw a faint light coming from the gap between the two bathrooms in the corner.

She took two steps forward and squatted down neatly. A phone with a slightly lit screen appeared in front of Mo Zhu. She reached out and picked up the phone. With just a rough look, she recognized that this phone was the one Meng Ran often used.

Her phone had fallen in such a hidden location and she had suddenly disappeared. She stood rooted to the ground and pondered quietly for a few seconds before thinking of the worst possibility.

Holding the phone in her hand tightly, Mo Zhu did not hesitate at all. She turned around and walked towards the hotel's work table. Unexpectedly, before she walked out of the washroom to meet Zhang Qi, Meng Ran's phone suddenly vibrated.

He looked down at the caller ID. Although this was Country N, the anonymous number that called was from Country Z.

Mo Zhu frowned and gently rubbed her palms. She swiped the answer button and placed the phone by her ear.

A moment later, a voice that was disguised by a voice changer came from the phone. "Is this Ms. Mo Zhu?"

Seeing that the person had called her name accurately, Mo Zhu's face darkened coldly and she replied in an unfriendly tone, "It's me."

After saying this, the person on the other end coughed lightly and emphasized, "Ms. Mo Zhu, if you want to save your friend's life, rush to the old warehouse number 23 in Dragon Tail Alley now. You have to remember that you can only do it alone. If we find out that you have brought anyone with you, your friend's life will be in danger!"

The other party's motive for kidnapping Meng Ran was indeed to threaten her. Mo Zhu sneered coldly and replied, "Don't touch that girl. I'll be there soon!"

Just as she finished speaking, before the other party could reply, Mo Zhu hung up the phone and walked out of the washroom.

As Zhang Qi did not receive Mo Zhu's order, he did not dare to leave without permission to look for Meng Ran elsewhere. Seeing the girl walk out of the washroom with a dark expression, he scratched his head anxiously and took two steps forward. He said anxiously, "Sister Mo, what's the situation inside? Did you not find Meng Ran?"

Mo Zhu nodded and handed Meng Ran's phone to Zhang Qi. Just as she was about to instruct him on his next arrangements, a girl's voice suddenly came from the corner. "Sister Mo, where are you going? Can you bring me along?"

The person who spoke was Jiang Yu, who had followed Mo Zhu here. She had been hiding in the dark and secretly observing Mo Zhu during the celebration banquet tonight. Just now, when Mo Zhu asked the two teachers in the hotel lobby if she could leave, Jiang Yu had naturally heard it.

Knowing that Mo Zhu was leaving first, Jiang Yu could only think that the girl wanted to leave with Huo Xuan. No! She couldn't give her a chance to be alone with Huo Xuan and cultivate their relationship. She had to be with Mo Zhu at all times!

Thinking of this, Jiang Yu quietly followed behind Mo Zhu. However, when she saw Mo Zhu following Zhang Qi to the washroom with a displeased expression, her expression changed slightly. She also realized that something was wrong.

Seeing that the person who came was Jiang Yu, Mo Zhu looked back at the girl indifferently. She frowned slightly and asked in a low voice, "What are you doing here? This is not a place you should be. Hurry up and gather in the hall. Go back and rest with the teachers and students!"

When Jiang Yu heard this and heard that Mo Zhu wanted to chase her away, her eyes instantly turned red. She quickly took two steps forward and grabbed Mo Zhu's sleeve.

She said aggrievedly, "Sister Mo, don't be in a hurry to chase me away. I'm worried about you. Where are you going so late at night? Can you bring me along?"

