

## Superstar 261

### Chapter 261

In the living room.

It was already late into the night.

The moonlight was getting brighter as it shone in through the ceiling to floor windows.

"I said, don't touch!"

"I'm not touching."

"Then what is your hand doing?"

"I'm just placing it there and not moving it."

"Then there's no need to place it at my butt. Take it away."

"Alright then, does that means I can put it on other places?"

"Did I say that? You can't do that."

The two of them bantered a little as Dong Shanshan pushed the responsibility onto him while Zhang Ye played innocent.

After a few moments of that, Zhang Ye finally removed his hand from the back of her yoga pants, but continued to sit next to her. He continued leaning on Dong Shanshan, shoulder to shoulder, occasionally touching. They were still very close together and when the music in the movie stopped playing, he could hear her light breathing beside his ear. He could also smell Dong Shanshan's shampoo and bathing foam.

Ba da.

A lock of hair came dropping down from her side.

Dong Shanshan's hair slid down smoothly and landed on Zhang Ye's shoulders.

Zhang Ye felt an itch on his neck and looked sideways to see the still wet hair draped over his shoulder. He swallowed his saliva, feeling enticed once more.

The movie was still playing, the volume was also very loud.

The male and female lead were now already on the train eloping off, the two of them looked at each other and smiled, holding each other's hands. The scenery outside the train windows showing a landscape in the far off distance.

The mood was at its fullest.

The music was relaxing and the ambiguous atmosphere in the room was getting stronger.

Zhang Ye straightened his neck as his hand dishonestly roamed over again and rested on Dong Shanshan's thigh very naturally. Seeing that Dong Shanshan did not say anything, Zhang Ye's hand continued further, moving to the school belle's soft and tender hand. The touch was cold as ice, her skin

clutched within her palms. It was very smooth and Zhang Ye couldn't resist gripping tighter as his heart began to beat faster and faster.

Dong Shanshan looked at him, "Are we watching the movie or what?"

"I'm watching." Zhang Ye coughed.

"Then watch it properly." Dong Shanshan said with a smile.

Seeing her smile, Zhang Ye knew it was not a problem. His hand did not loosen its grip and he continued holding her hand.

Dong Shanshan's hand moved suddenly, but she did not take it away from his hand. Maybe it was not in a comfortable position, she had taken her hand off her leg and put it onto the leather couch instead.

The two held hands, maintaining that position for a while.

In this current situation, Zhang Ye's heart had already melted. He felt extremely fortunate as if he had found his junior high school's first love. He had also touched his landlady's hands before, but this sort of hand holding would really be considered as Zhang Ye's first. There was a difference in context. In kindergarten, the teachers used to make the children hold hands for activities like mass workouts or physical education classes, but those should not be considered as hand holding. This time, it surely had to be.

The first time being in a relationship is called one's first love.

The first time kissing will be called the first kiss.

What was the first time holding hands called?

First time holding? First hold? Eh, why does this sound disgusting (sounds like first diarrhea)!

The movie was almost ending.

Dong Shanshan said, "Have you not watched this before?"

"Never." Zhang Ye was unfamiliar with the movies of this world.

"Such a classic old movie and you've never seen it before?" Dong Shanshan shook her head in disapproval.

Zhang Ye felt it was quite good, so he asked curiously, "So what happens to the male and female leads in the end? They get together?"

"Of course not." Dong Shanshan was giving a deadly spoiler, she turned her head to look at him and said, "After getting off the train, their parents gave chase to the station and brought many underlings to capture them. In the end, the leads dash across the road to escape, but get run over by a big truck!"

Zhang Ye couldn't accept such an ending and cursed, "Damn it. What the f\*\*k!"

How could such a weak movie be called a classic?

Could this world's movies be going for such tastes?

Dong Shanshan bent forward, still holding onto Zhang Ye's hand to get her cup of water with the other hand. She gulped it down and then placed it back onto the coffee table.

In the movie, the train had stopped.

Zhang Ye was anxiously waiting, but when the movie ended and the credits rolled, he still did not see the ending that Dong Shanshan had told him!

Run over your sister!

Big truck your sister!

I didn't even see a trishaw!

The two of them were still well and f\*\*king alive!

"Shanshan!" Zhang Ye gave her a stare, "You're so wicked!"

Dong Shanshan covered her mouth giggling, her natural charms were all showing, "You'd believe everything I say? I don't give spoilers to anyone ever, this is basic courtesy. Spoilers are disgusting."

Zhang Ye shamelessly said, "No way, you lied to your old classmate and cheated my feelings again. You gotta make up for it, let me kiss you again." Making an innocent face, he went over to try to kiss her.

"No." Dong Shanshan dodged.

But what kind of skills did Zhang Ye have? Pulling her hand, Dong Shanshan's body came back towards him., but possibly from having used too much force, or because the school belle was too slim, with this pull, he had pulled Dong Shanshan a little too hard. She fell onto Zhang Ye's legs with an 'Aiyo'. Zhang Ye blinked and lowered his head to lock lips with her. As she lay at a spot too low, Zhang Ye's posture was also not easy. He had to press down with his back and neck. His body even began to tremble. However, this bit of difficulty could not prevent Zhang Ye. He was willing to stand upside down just to get a kiss!

Smooth. Tender. Sweet.

There's even a hint of tea smell, the feeling was great.

Dong Shanshan twisted around slightly, "Zhang....Ye....hmm....I'm...getting angry."

Zhang Ye definitely was afraid that she would get angry for real. After a few kisses, he did not go any further and pulled away from her lips as a thread of saliva extended between the two of them.

Ta.

The thread of saliva broke off and landed Dong Shanshan's lower chin.

Dong Shanshan glanced at him and reached for a napkin.

"Let me get it for you." Zhang Ye did not let her get up, but got her a napkin.

Dong Shanshan's head was still resting on his leg as she took the napkin to wipe the saliva off her chin. Then she threw the napkin at the bin beside them and missed as the crushed napkin rolled around on

the floor. Dong Shanshan's pushed herself up with her hands from the couch, but Zhang Ye pressed her back down.

"Are you going to make me sleep here?" Dong Shanshan gave him a look.

Zhang Ye said, "If you want to sleep then go ahead. It would be my honor to be the school belle's pillow."

Laying down, Dong Shanshan could only glance up and look at Zhang Ye, smiling, "You'd like that. Stop messing, let me get up first. I don't feel well lying down. The couch is too small."

Zhang Ye was feeling gutsy, "If the couch is too small, then why don't we go to my room?"

Dong Shanshan rolled her eyes, "...Why don't we go to my room instead?"

"Your room is good too." Zhang Ye answered without hesitation as he spotted another opportunity. He immediately put one hand under her knees and another behind her neck, made a grunt and then stood up from the couch with much effort. Carrying Dong Shanshan, their weights added up as his bare feet pounded against the floor with a loud "dong"!

Dong Shanshan face turned pale, "I'm falling, put me down!"

Zhang Ye laughed, "Don't worry, I won't let you fall. Don't you know my skills?" Then he put his feet onto the coffee table and used his big toe to press on the remote control and switched off the TV. At that moment, the room was totally dark. Zhang Ye made use of the moonlight and turned around, his heart full of anticipation as he walked towards Dong Shanshan's room. He was actually quite nervous.

Dong Shanshan looked at him, "Where are you going?"

Zhang Ye carried her saying, "To your room, that's what you said, isn't it?."

".....Oh." Dong Shanshan did not say much, but only quietly acknowledged.

Hearing that, Zhang Ye was even more excited now. His breathing rhythm increased as he took a few steps before reaching her room's door. It was not closed, but slightly ajar. He turned sideways and went inside, then used his backside to close the door. The room was filled with the aroma of a woman and it came rushing into his nose.

Dong Shanshan did not say a word.

Then, Zhang Ye gently let her down onto the bed.

They were both silent for a few seconds.

Zhang Ye scratched his nose, not knowing what to say, "Is your dad's illness getting better?"

Dong Shanshan replied, "He stayed in the hospital and was on IV for 2 days. The other day when I called him, he was already discharged. It was acute pneumonia, nothing serious."

"Tell me if you need any help."

"Hur Hur, what can you help with?"

“Your old classmate here at least has some arm strength.”

Zhang Ye was embarrassed yet again, but did not bother too much about it. After getting up from the couch, he did not wear any slippers. He walked to the windows barefooted and drew the curtains, leaving just a little gap. Otherwise, he would not be able to see anything at all. Zhang Ye then got up onto Dong Shanshan’s bed from there. Since she did not say anything, he took off his socks and crawled fully into the bed.

Dong Shanshan glanced at him, “Are you for real?”

“Ah.” Zhang Ye tried to smile, “Yes.”

Dong Shanshan played with her hair and asked doubtfully, “Really?”

Zhang Ye acknowledged tersely, pulling aside the blanket and entered. His hands touched her under the blanket as he hugged her from the front and kissed her.

Dong Shanshan did not shirk away from him.

Zhang Ye kissed her for a full minute, feeling really good.

Finally, Zhang Ye straightened his back and took off his clothes. One by one, he hurriedly threw them onto the bed end.

But Dong Shanshan quickly said, “Wait a moment, wait a moment. I’m not ready yet.”

“What do you need to get ready for?” Zhang Ye did not care. After he took off everything, he came up to her again. This time, he got on top of Dong Shanshan’s body, holding both of her long slim legs together with his hands.

Dong Shanshan slapped his hands off and pulled her legs out from between his hands, saying, “Not today.”

Zhang Ye asked speechlessly, “Why?”

“I’m having my period these few days.” Dong Shanshan said.

“Ah? Such a coincidence?” Zhang Ye was almost in tears.

Dong Shanshan smile, “So I won’t keep you around any longer, go to bed earlier.”

Zhang Ye was at a loss whether to laugh or cry, “Then when will be a good time?”

“Not sure, 2 or 3 days more I guess.” Dong Shanshan answered.

Zhang Ye could only muster, “.....Alright then.”

Sigh, isn’t this asking for my life!

2-3 days? Forget it! This bro will wait!

Chapter 262: Talk Show Gets Taken Off Air?

Morning.

It was a brand new day.

Zhang Ye got out of his bed. He did not do anything last night, so he could not suppress the fire in his heart. He initially wanted to sleep in the school belle's bedroom, so he had thickened his skin to chat with her in bed for a long period of time. However, he was still sent out of the room by Dong Shanshan.

Alas, this was life.

Loneliness was where the shoe pinched!

Dong Shanshan had also woken up and was in the kitchen preparing breakfast.

"Shanshan."

"You are awake?"

"Yea, what are we eating?"

"Fried mantou and poached egg."

"Nice, then I'll go wash up."

After finishing breakfast, Dong Shanshan picked up her bag, ready to leave. To avoid suspicion, she and Zhang Ye always left separately. Either she left first or he left first.

Zhang Ye sent her to the doorstep.

"I'm leaving." Dong Shanshan smiled.

Zhang Ye acknowledged and blinked his eyes as he leaned over to kiss her.

However, Dong Shanshan nimbly dodged and opened the door and stood outside the door. She waved her hand, smiling, "I'll see you at work in a while."

Zhang Ye gave a wry smile. Damn, he didn't manage to get a kiss.

I'll endure a few more days. I'll definitely take care of her in two days!

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Company.

The moment Zhang Ye arrived, he was informed to go to Wang Xiong's office.

"Director Wang," Zhang Ye said, "You were looking for me?"

Wang Xiong invited him to take a seat and smiled. "The episode of 'Zhang Ye's Talk Show' with the highest hits has officially broken 10 million views. Your fame has been increasing too. Now, there are two or three potential sponsors contacting us, hoping to get exclusive mentions on 'Zhang Ye's Talk Show'. As for the details, the company's relevant staff is discussing with them. So I want to ask you, how many episodes can this show of yours last?"

Zhang Ye gave it a thought before saying, "At this speed of daily episodes, it might finish in less than two months. If it's one or two episode a week, then it could last for about half a year or more."

Wang Xiong muttered to himself, "Two months? That's about 60 episodes? Alright."

Zhang Ye asked curiously, "Are the sponsorship fees very high?"

"Hur Hur," WebTV said, "With your program's hit rate, it won't be low. Their bid is already the top price in the WebTV sponsorship fees, and from the looks of it, it can be further discussed."

The amount of sponsorship was an embodiment of his personal worth, so Zhang Ye was naturally very concerned about it.

Just as they were chatting, Wang Xiong's office phone rang. He picked it up, "Hello..." Then after hearing a few words, Wang Xiong's face changed, "I'll be there immediately...Huh? Get Zhang Ye too? Alright, Director Feng, I got it." After hanging up, he said to Zhang Ye, "Let's go. We need to go upstairs."

Zhang Ye was stunned, "What's going on?"

Wang Xiong frowned, "People from the SARFT are here. Director Wang wants you there too, most likely due to your program. Let's go first. As for the details, I don't know either."

Zhang Ye was perplexed. SARFT? My program?

SARFT was a very famous department. It was not too much to say that it was the department that was in charge of the entertainment industry. For traditional and online television stations, the SARFT was in charge of auditing, punishment, and revocation of all their programs. Basically, they had all the power in their hands.

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Upstairs.

Feng Guiqin's office.

When Wang Xiong and Zhang Ye entered, there were already about six people in the office. One of them was Feng Guiqin. One of them was also their Weiwo company's Leader. As for the rest, Zhang Ye had never seen them before. Two of them were middle-aged, while the other two were young adults. There was a total of three men and one woman. The one leading the group was a middle-aged man with a rotund belly. It was unknown if it was a result of drinking, but it was obvious at a glance that he was a Leader.

The pot bellied SARFT official sat on the sofa with a haughty posture. He said towards Feng Guiqin and another company executive, "The directive has been passed, so implement it!"

It could be seen that Feng Guiqin was suppressing her anger as she said, "But the 'Talk Show' has only aired a few episodes. To stop it now would greatly influence our WebTV's reputation. This program is now our signature program. The country has been trying to foster the WebTV industry, but this directive makes us..."

Stop broadcasting?

"Zhang Ye's Talk Show" was to be taken off air?

Zhang Ye's face turned gloomy. He never expected it!

Wang Xiong probably did not expect it either. His face turned cold and immediately said to the pot belly official, "Leader, why are you stopping Little Zhang's program?"

Another middle-aged SARFT official glanced at him, saying, "What do you think? Back then when you submitted this program for approval, we had approved it after review. We also gave your program a number. However, what did the document you submitted to us say? That it was an entertainment program with goals of being humorous, but we have already seen the first few episodes, that it is not just pure comedy and entertainment. There were expletives used in the program and unhealthy joke segments. Especially with the second episode has even involved politics, creating gossip that we are ridiculing our neighbors! If you aren't taken off air, who should? There has to be a bottom line in entertainment! You cannot do such a program as you have crossed the line!"

Zhang Ye stepped forward, "What expletives were used?"

One of the young SARFT officials looked at him, "What is JB?"

"Is JB an expletive?" Zhang Ye responded, "Then would all English alphabets be expletives!?"

"Little Zhang!" Feng Guiqin noticed that Zhang Ye was agitated and immediately warned him, "Hold your words. I'll talk to you later." Then she said to the few SARFT officials, "Isn't the audit over Talk Show too great? If the higher-ups find it inappropriate, we can still adjust it and we can also delete the joke segments from previous episodes that the SARFT finds inappropriate, but to take it directly off the air causes us too great of a loss!"

Wang Xiong added on, "Besides, 'Zhang Ye's Talk Show' does not in anyway address any political issues. It's just things that the citizens joke about."

The leading SARFT official said impatiently, "But the ridicule and satire created from your program has seriously affected social order!"

Feng Guiqin narrowed her eyes, "This is too much an exaggeration, right?"

Wang Xiong was also furious, "It's just an entertainment program, yet you say it's anti-societal?"

The woman from SARFT cut them off, "Do you know how many people reported 'Zhang Ye's Talk Show' on our official Shanghai SARFT website? There are hundreds of anonymous letters a day! If we carry on letting you broadcast, who knows what mess you will create in the future!"

Feng Guiqin retorted, "Which program isn't reported by people? Just because it's reported means it has to be banned and taken off air? Then the whole country will not have any entertainment programs!"

The leading SARFT official leered coldly at Feng Guiqin, "We came to announce the SARFT's decision. From today onwards, 'Zhang Ye's Talk Show' is to be taken off air. You just need to follow the directive. Whatever we should answer has been answered, nor do we have any need to explain anything to you. This is a directive set by our SARFT. Also, now is a crackdown period. For those programs that violated the rules, us from the Shanghai SARFT will be holding a small press conference before 8 PM today. We will announce the punishment dealt to 'Zhang Ye's Talk Show' and those programs that recently are also in violation. You just need to show up!" Standing up, he said to the people beside him, "Let's go."

The people from the Shanghai SARFT strutted away.



Wang Xiong hurriedly said, "Director Feng, this..."

"I'll make a call!" Feng Guiqin picked up her cellphone and dialed a number.

Zhang Ye stood in a corner, silent. His face was so gloomy that it looked terrifying. I worked so hard and for so long, putting in so much effort, and you are halting my program just as it was created? And the reason behind it being halted was so baffling? It will affect societal order? Go f\*\*k yourself!

The joke segments and topics he mentioned were all from his world. For example, the content from the episode dedicated to South Korea came from "Tonight 80's Talkshow". And back then, Wang Zijian had no problems saying it on TV. Nor were there any warnings or punishment, so why would it be prohibited here? Besides, as a traditional television program, "Tonight 80's Talkshow" had no problems at all. For WebTV, which had relatively more leeway, it had problems? Furthermore, with "Bao Zou Big News Events", this online Talk Show was filled with expletives and curses, but they were alive and well. At least they were not audited and taken off air! Why couldn't mine work?

Could it be that this world's SARFT gave greater scrutiny than his world's? Almost nothing could be said? Impossible! If Zhang Ye had crossed the line, Feng Guiqin, Wang Xiong, and the Weiwo company Leaders would have informed him early on. Those could have been edited out in post-editing, but them as experienced professionals who were so familiar about the WebTV industry, did not say that there was any problem, so why did the SARFT find problems?

Furthermore, it was not just halting a few episodes!

It was suspending it for an indefinite period of time!

Zhang Ye was perplexed what could have gone wrong.

Feng Guiqin's call connected, "Hello, Head Zheng, It's me, old Feng."

"Ah, Old Feng." A middle-aged man's voice came from the phone as the volume was turned up high. Wang Xiong and Zhang Ye, who were standing by the side, could hear it clearly.

From the conversation, the other party was probably a leader of the Shanghai SARFT.

Feng Guiqin said, "One of our programs had been suspended. Did you know about it?"

"Talk Show, right? I just got wind of it." Before waiting for Feng Guiqin to carry on, the middle-aged man said, "Old Feng, I knew you would look for me, but I really can't help you this time. The person leading the team was Li Tao, right? This matter was audited by them. I can only disclose some insider information that we indeed decided to have a crackdown recently. Secondly, it's not your Weiwo company's problem, but because Zhang Ye provoked public outrage. In the past, he was banned by television stations, and now with his new program being so popular, many people from the television stations can't stand it, so they would definitely do something. Thirdly, to my knowledge, Li Tao's daughter's idol is Lee Parkwoo. Maybe it's due to his daughter that after his team's audit on 'Zhang Ye's Talk Show' came up with violations, he directly reported it to the administration. Then it was sent to the SARFT's headquarters, and now they have made the punishment of taking it off air. So whatever I say would be useless for you."

Chapter 263: If the tiger doesn't roar, do you think I'm an ill cat?

Feng Guiqin hung up.

Zhang Ye heard every word from the phone. He had provoked public outrage? Someone did not like him? This halt was targeted at him?

Feng Guiqin waved her hand, "Go back first. I'll think of some other method!"

Wang Xiong was pessimistic, "The directive has been passed down. It's already too late."

"I'll look for someone else." Feng Guiqin knew that there was not much hope, but she had to put in the effort. She could not take this lying down. It was not easy for Weiwo to produce such a good program, and it was not easy for China to produce such an excellent original program format. Before others commented on it, they were already drowned by their own people? They were attacked for some baffling reasons, resulting in their best program being halted! No wonder China's television program industry could not develop well! How was it to develop!? It was sabotaged from within! All because of personal selfish desires that ignored everything else! This was the entertainment industry of China! Feng Guiqin's heart turned so cold that it could not go any lower!

"Director Feng," Zhang Ye spoke.

Feng Guiqin pushed her hand out, "Go back."

Zhang Ye said with a gloomy face, "This matter is my fault. I have jeopardized our company!"

"You heard it?" Feng Guiqin was stunned before saying, "It's not because of you."

Zhang Ye said, "Previously, many television stations contacted me, hoping to headhunt me to do Talk Shows for them, but I refused. I rejected all of them, and in this industry, I have previously offended a lot of people. Even I'm at a loss how many of them there are. They are deliberately targeting me!"

Wang Xiong patted him, "It's not because of you."

Zhang Ye was very firm in his judgment.

He managed to get caught in a crackdown?

He managed to get used as an example?

That was definitely not the reason. It was just used as an opportunistic reason. Just as the Head Zheng from the Shanghai SARFT told Director Feng on the phone, that pot bellied guy, named Li Tao was the instigator of this matter. There was a web of relations behind the matter. For example, Li Tao's daughter who idolized Lee Parkwoo, for example an old classmate of Li Tao, or a friend of Li Tao from a certain television station. They could have contacted Li Tao to help in targeting Zhang Ye, or it could be Li Tao not liking Zhang Ye. To make a negative example out of someone, they needed someone to answer to their higher-ups. Hence, "Zhang Ye's Talk Show" had become their target. Regardless of the possibilities, Zhang Ye remembered Li Tao as a person. The reason why his program was banned was all because of this person!

This is like sending me to the gallows!

At the same moment Zhang Ye's heart turned cold, another part of his heart was burning with anger!

Feng Guiqin said, "Old Wang, about the sponsorship of Talk Show, hold it off for the moment. Forget it, tell them the truth. Everyone is well-informed. Since the Shanghai SARFT is holding a press conference tonight, there's no way to keep it under wraps."

Wang Xiong sighed, "I understand." A few million Yuan of sponsorship fees disappeared just like that. Not just Wang Xiong felt the pinch, the entire company would definitely feel it!

Their company's most excellent program had not even fully matured in its popularity, but had been stabbed in the back by others. This was a severe blow to their online television station!

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Office area.

Zhang Ye returned.

"Has the sponsorship been decided?" Dong Shanshan looked up from her desk and she smiled. "I heard the bid for your Talk Show's exclusive sponsorship is already higher than the other top WebTV programs. In the future, you will be a famous high sponsorship webhost."

Ah Qian smiled. "Congratulations, Teacher Zhang."

"Are you treating us tonight?" Little Yu also joked.

Zhang Ye did not speak a word and returned to his seat.

The surrounding colleagues were surprised when they saw this. What happened? Why was Teacher Zhang Ye acting in such a manner? He was still frowning despite the higher sponsorship rates?

Then, a woman suddenly shouted!

It was the web host named, Wang Bei. She exclaimed, "Hurry and look at Shanghai SARFT's official website! This crackdown mentions seven programs to be halted! Including...'Zhang Ye's Talk Show'!"

"What?"

"It can't be?"

"Teacher Wang, did you see wrongly?"

"Talk Show has been halted? Based on what grounds!?"

The office seemed to explode as everyone gathered over!

After verifying the notice of violation from the SARFT, everyone was stunned!

There really was "Zhang Ye's Talk Show"! It had really been halted! And it was in effect as of today! According to the document's usual practices, this was an indefinite halt! It could be said that even if it was edited, and they redid the programs from the past, there was no way for "Zhang Ye's Talk Show" to be aired ever again!

Ah Qian stared, "How can this be!?"

“It says here that Zhang Ye’s broadcasted unhealthy information and spread rumors that could potentially disrupt social order?” Little Yu was also extremely angered, “Bullsh\*t!”

An old colleague slammed his table, “This bunch of Shanghai SARFT! They are too bastardly!”

“Many industry insiders have evaluated that a Talk Show program format can even go international and develop all over the world. In the end, we got axed by the SARFT?” Zhang Han, who had a good relationship with Dong Shanshan, felt injustice for Zhang Ye. This matter was disgusting!

Dong Shanshan hurriedly asked, “What other programs are halted? Are all the Talk Show programs also halted?” Now, other than “Zhang Ye’s Talk Show”, there were already three other television programs on the market springing up to emulate Zhang Ye’s talk show. Two of them were WebTV programs, and another was a provincial television station from Shanghai. Furthermore, none of them bought the copyright from Zhang Ye.

Wang Bei sat before the computer and pointed to the screen with gritted teeth, “Look at the other programs yourself. Other than Zhang Ye’s, there’s not a single talk show on this list!”

“Old Chen’s Argument”.

“Web Bikini Show”.

“Children’s Stories—The life of a Rabbit”.

Even a children’s story channel had been placed on the blacklist. However, despite checking the list a few times, there was no other talk show program to be found. That meant that only Zhang Ye’s program had been halted. The other knockoff Talk Show programs that plagiarized Zhang Ye were completely fine! One had to know that those pirated programs were identical to Zhang Ye’s! As they were still not familiar with a talk show’s core values, they were still unable to create independent works. They could only emulate Zhang Ye’s style. When he cursed the Koreans, or the Japanese, or the Americans, they would do it in Zhang Ye’s language mannerism, but now, they were still completely fine!

Why?

Why are they are only targeting Teacher Zhang Ye!?

Many people, who had good relations with Zhang Ye, could not find something to vent their anger!

As Zhang Ye heard everyone speaking, his anger rose to his head! Li Tao! If you really don’t like me, then do it openly. Do it cleanly, but now? You turned a blind eye to those bad quality copies of my programs, but banned my original program? What did this mean? Are you legitimizing those knockoffs and plagiarized copies? Banning my program and then letting those Talk Show programs not pay me a single cent in copyright royalties? Are you trying to aid the bootleg programs? With “Zhang Ye’s Talk Show” going down, if people wanted to watch Talk Show programs in the future, they could only go to other traditional or web television stations to watch?

This was filled with tremendous amounts of interest!

Zhang Ye could tell that this matter was complex and felt nauseous just thinking about it. A lot of benefits and interests were involved in the halting of “Zhang Ye’s Talk Show”!

Indeed, a phone call was suddenly made to Zhang Ye.

“Who’s this?” Zhang Ye picked it up.

“Hello, Teacher Zhang. I’m from Shanghai Television Station. Previously, one of my colleagues contacted you. I wonder if you have any impression.” It was a middle-aged woman’s voice, “We just received news that your program has been halted?”

Zhang Ye said in a lukewarm manner, “Just cut to the chase.”

The woman said, “It’s this. We still have the same intentions. We wish for you to come to our television station and let you create a new Talk Show program.”

Zhang Ye said, “I’ve been blacklisted by SARFT, so even with a name change, would they approve it?”

The woman chuckled, “You can rest assured about this. We will communicate with them to approve of your program. Since we are inviting you, we definitely have some confidence. As long as you come, your new program will be approved as early as next Sunday. You can carry on with your Talk Show, how about it?”

Zhang Ye sneered, “Sorry, not interested!”

The woman was dazed and was just about to carry on speaking,

But Zhang Ye had already abruptly hung up. He did not even want to say another word to her! With this phone call, Zhang Ye already understood some things. He did not know if the Shanghai Television Station had played a dishonorable role in this matter, but he was sure that it was a result of a television station or some other online television station. With Li Tao banning Zhang Ye’s program, only the Weiwo company and Zhang Ye suffered, as for the other entities, they only stood to gain.

Another phone call.

This person was someone from a television station that had previously called him.

“Zhang Ye, are you interested in our television station? The contract’s perks are the same as the last time. With your program halted, Weiwo WebTV definitely cannot broadcast anymore. You might as well come here to develop yourself. You are free to make the decision.” Zhang Ye remembered this person clearly. When he previously called him, he had been very courteous, using terms like “Teacher Zhang”, but now, his attitude had changed. He had directly called Zhang Ye by name. His tone was also not as friendly, as if Zhang Ye had to plead with him.

Back then, they were inviting him, so they were courteous. As such, Zhang Ye was naturally courteous too, although he was adamant about not joining them.

But to not speak politely to me?

Then why the f\*\*k would I be courteous to you!?

Zhang Ye immediately responded, “Get lost to as f\*\*king far you as your learning goes!”

“You...” The person was stunned from being cursed at. He was also extremely angry and was about to retort back.

Toot, toot, toot. Zhang Ye had already hung up. He was now suspicious of multiple parties involved in this matter. They were all trying to obstruct him. After being low-key for half a month, Zhang Ye suddenly returned to his form back in Beijing. He had transformed back into a “fighter”!

If the tiger doesn't roar, do you f\*\*king think I'm an ill cat?

Chapter 264: The SARFT's Press Conference!

At the same moment.

The news had spread online!

“Look at the Shanghai SARFT's penalty notice!”

“Holy sh\*t! Why is ‘Zhang Ye's Talk Show’ halted?”

“Broadcasting of unhealthy information? What did Zhang Ye say that was unhealthy? Those are just contemporary social issues! They were all just cases that have happened before! F\*\*k! If News Simulcast could broadcast that, then why can't Zhang Ye talk about it? He can't even mention them?”

“The SARFT is going more and more overboard!”

“Do they even reason things out! I've been watching ‘Zhang Ye's Talk Show’ everyday!”

“He just poked fun at the Koreans a little! What do they mean by disrupting social order?”

“Such ridiculous charges can be just brought up like that? There's definitely a conspiracy!”

“Everyone, look at the halted programs list, even a damn children's story program is included! What year is this even? Are they planning a literary inquisition? I'm numb, I'm so angry that my lungs are going to explode! How can such a thing happen? How can this not be a deliberate act! I know the SARFT's authority is wide and that the SARFT's rights cover a lot, but taking Teacher Zhang Ye's program to set an example to others? That's too despicable! How can that program have problems! It just reflects all the societal issues and it even has a positive effect. The commoners all have expectations and desires because of this program, yet you all want to kill it off? Are you really part of China or the lackeys of the Koreans! Lee Parkwoo publicly questioned our host, bringing fans to publicly scold our entertainment program colleague, yet you didn't care. You didn't even ask which program should Lee Parkwoo be allowed to appear on, yet when Teacher Zhang Ye rebuked with facts, you guys from the Shanghai SARFT turned nasty? And brought along the Koreans and their celebrities to kill off our country's host? I would like to ask, are you all crazy? Are you still humans? Are you still people of China?”

“I blew up too!”

“F\*\*king pushing it too far!”

“With the halt of the program, Teacher Zhang Ye has suffered injustice!”

“There's injustice to all the programs on that list, didn't you all realize? Those bootleg programs that copied ‘Zhang Ye's Talk Show’ didn't even purchase the copyrights and yet they present their shows in the exact the same format as Teacher Zhang Ye does. Some of the joke segments were even fully copied

over, but yet they did not appear on this list. I knew something was wrong! The programs that ought to have been halted did not get halted! What's the meaning of this?"

"SARFT's notoriety has been known for a long time, but this time it's really too much. They should have halted those copycat Talk Shows as well!"

"They are targeting Zhang Ye!"

"Right, they're deliberately repressing Teacher Zhang!"

There were many nationalistic youths and fans of Zhang Ye who started their scolding online!

Some people even took advantage of the situation. When the order from the Shanghai SARFT was released, a lot of baseless rumors began too. This included those industry insiders and professionals who wanted to scold Zhang Ye but didn't dare to as his program was enjoying a very high popularity. Seeing that this was the end for Zhang Ye as his Talk Show was halted, they all jumped out to attack and blame Zhang Ye!

"Zhang Ye deserves it!"

"Hahaha! What good news!"

"Banning is very good! Who let him scold our Lee Parkwoo!"

"Have you learned now? Some people cannot be scolded by people like you! What kind of fame do you have and what kind of fame does our Lee Parkwoo have? You shouldn't overestimate yourself, now you know what trouble you've gotten into? It's too late!"

A Weibo verified expert commentator posted: Zhang Ye's program really went too far. It crossed the line. It looks like he was just poking fun at the topics, but in truth, that was disrupting social order. What's the point of scolding Korea? It's just a few words, but the effects are grave! It might even get to the point that the relationship between the two countries gets messed up. If this sort of program is not handled strictly, then what programs should be handled strictly!?"

Someone rebuked. It was Zhang Ye's old actor buddy, Yao Jiancai, "There's the few bad quality Talk Shows that talked about things that crossed the line further than 'Zhang Ye's Talk Show' and that didn't disrupt any social order. Yet the original by Zhang Ye is not allowed? What kind of reasoning is that?"

That expert commentator answered, "To handle such cases, the first to be clamped down on would be the leader. We have to remove the biggest tumor. The SARFT handled this issue well and without any problems!"

Yao Jiancai answered, "You're distorting the whole concept! The original needs to be cautious and careful while the thieves can just be so arrogant? Plagiarizing actually gets the stamp of approval from SARFT? What sort of logic is that!?"

On Weibo, Hu Fei also made a post, "I'm wondering, why a rare, original format program in our country that's doing so well, has such problems? Zhang Ye's Talk Show is an online television program, but even if we air it as a traditional television program, it's possible to make the cut. Zhang Ye is a very professional host who graduated with professional training. He has worked for so long too and has several highly rated programs to his name. Why would anyone doubt his professionalism such an

experienced and talented host? All of the joke segments he said could be said in public! So you're saying he's spreading unhealthy information? All right! Which segments spread the unhealthy information? Could the expert commentator from before point it out to me? I would really like to hear your views!"

Another expert jumped out. He obviously knew Hu Fei in person, but he posted, "Old Hu, Zhang Ye's walking on a thin line. This kind of thing is like swimming alongside the regulations. Now that he had been used as a classic example because of what he had said, Zhang Ye's just paying the price."

Then a few television station personnel also criticized Zhang Ye. They included a few online television station people, there was even the company that plagiarized "Zhang Ye's Talk Show". They had picked up on Zhang Ye's show and copied it without paying a single cent. Seeing Zhang Ye having fallen, they stood up to scold him, the founder of Talk Shows. Their ugly faces and mouth was for all to see!

"Zhang Ye is getting what he deserves!"

"His program should have been halted long ago!"

"In the future, everyone should watch our WebTV Talk Show instead! We can guarantee that we won't spread rumors or negative news. We will fairly judge the problems in our society!"

There were even some who took the opportunity to advertise.

As the saying goes, a wall could be pushed down by many people, Zhang Ye had suddenly become the target for everyone!

Some were scolding Zhang Ye and some were supportive of him. The internet broke out quickly into a fierce debate discussing whether 'Zhang Ye's Talk Show' should be halted. Everyone had their own point of view on this matter. However, this was only the internet. They were only words and discourse. In actual fact, the meaning behind the halting of the program was known to industry insiders and the common people. There was definitely something fishy about it. As someone in the Shanghai SARFT had not done his job cleanly. They did not investigate the plagiarizers nor pursued the matter of plagiarism, yet they banned Zhang Ye. It was very obvious who they were targeting!

Did they think everyone was dumb?

How much smarter could anyone be than the others!

To say that no one had gained incentives or no existence of a personal rivalry, even a dumbass would not believe!

Especially those fans who liked Zhang Ye all this while knew it extremely well. Teacher Zhang Ye had a bad temper because he was frank with his words, causing him to offend many. Other than the television circles, in the broadcasting circles, or literary circles, Zhang Ye had already offended them. There were many who hated him to the bone, and since China was a society where interpersonal relationships mattered a lot, a few phone calls and using one's ties could cause Zhang Ye to have difficulty moving. Just like today's matter, there were too many people trying to give Zhang Ye trouble. He had a full range of enemies, so it was impossible to know who set up the obstacle for him!

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Evening.



Shanghai SARFT.

At the press conference hall.

The reporters had all arrived, but were made to wait outside. The staff did not allow them to go in as it wasn't near the scheduled time yet. Only staff from SARFT and people whose programs were halted were allowed inside. This was a press conference, as well as a "reflection meeting" directed at the public. After SARFT sent the directive, all relevant personnels that had programs that breached protocol would have to be present at the press conference to express their heartfelt regrets. Usually, such press conferences were rare, but this was a crackdown period. So those who were banned were used by SARFT to serve as a warning to others as well as to emphasize their importance. They made every disobedient television station or related entertainment industry know who was boss!

Zhang Ye's understanding of the SARFT was rather deep. In his previous world, there had been many similar cases before. For example, the movie "No Man's Land". Was its director, Ning Hao, a big shot? Was he famous? He was the publicly acknowledged #1 director in that world, and the actors for this movie? Xu Jing, Huang Bo, all of them were A-list celebrities. They were even the kings of movies. With such a big name cast and the production company was also one with the most network of contacts, yet this film had been dragged on for a full few years before it finally screened. The losses were huge, but what was the cause of it all? It was simply because of a word from the SARFT. The film did not pass the checks, so just wait along. If the SARFT says you can't screen it, then you can't screen it!

Was there any other way?

There was no other way! The opponents were the SARFT!

And in this world, Zhang Ye realized that the control of the SARFT towards the entertainment circles was even greater. Zhang Ye's understanding from his world was that if a program had problems, all they had to do was submit a report, admitting their regulatory negligence. If not, there would be a closed-door review by the SARFT. It was nothing like doing the reflectance in public! And even organizing such a large scale press conference? This was driving them into the depths of hell! They could halt a program as and when they wished, without providing a reason. They could just arrange for any charge against them and all one could do was obediently wait to be banned. They even wanted to make Zhang Ye confess his wrongdoings in front of cameras, without giving him a chance to fight back. What sort of authority was this!

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Outside the venue.

Zhang Ye had arrived. Wang Xiong and another colleague had accompanied him here.

The reporters had all been waiting outside. When they saw Zhang Ye, they all rushed up with their long lenses and cameras!

"Zhang Ye, what do you have to say?"

"Your program has been halted and this attracted a lot of discussion it. What is your view on this matter?"

This matter was not trivial. Shanghai Television Station and several Shanghai newspapers numbered about eighteen. There were about 20-30 reporters and cameramen!

Zhang Ye looked at them.

What do I have to say?

I only wish to say this to Li Tao— If you don't let me live life smoothly, then don't f\*\*king expect me to let you live your life smoothly! The price of making me, Zhang Ye, fall....is very high!

Chapter 265: During the Live Broadcast!

At the venue.

At the hall on the first floor.

Wang Xiong, Zhang Ye, and company dodged the hounding reporters. After flashing their work passes to the SARFT staff, they were let inside. There were already a few television station staff members and hosts, who had their programs halted, in there. On the podium, Zhang Ye immediately noticed the pot bellied Li Tao and the few Shanghai SARFT officials who had shown up to pass down the directive at his company.

Li Tao was giving instructions.

“Check the microphone.”

“Chief Li, it's fine.”

“The press conference will be half an hour long and will be fully broadcasted live on a provincial Shanghai station. This is the closure to us making an example out of them. It is extremely important and no mistakes will be allowed. Or else, even if we did well at the beginning, problems at the end would definitely not allow us to pass!”

“We understand.”

“Don't worry Chief Li.”

After finishing speaking, Li Tao saw Zhang Ye and company in the distance. He ignored them and found SARFT staff who was presiding over the press conference, “Little Zheng, when you are doing the moderating, when it's Weiwo Video and Dongchu Video's turn, you can allow the reporters to question them. As for the rest, there's no need to after they do their reflections. It is also to save on time. We need to guarantee that it can be done in half an hour.”

The one called Little Zheng was stunned before saying, “Yes, Leader.”

Li Tao nodded and left satisfied.

Little Zheng did not ask any superfluous questions, because he knew deep down. Dongchu Video? This was a new WebTV company established just this year. Back then, it was said amongst the Administration that this company “did not play the game”, did not concern themselves with personal connections, nor did they send gifts to the SARFT, hence they were deliberately held in review for a few months by the Shanghai SARFT. Finally, the Dongchu company wrestled with them and passed the application material

directly to headquarters before managing to pass the review. Little Zheng believed Chief Li was definitely trying to make it difficult for them. As for Weiwo Video? Little Zheng was not very sure of the situation, but he knew that they had definitely offended Chief Li Tao, or it was due to interests. It could be anything else too, but it was not something a person of his level could understand. He just needed to execute the Leader's orders.

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Zhang Ye did not hear their conversation. He and a few hosts met each other and got to know one another. Maybe they had seen each other's programs, but did not know each other, nor had they ever met face to face. Now, with them in the same boat, their relationship naturally grew closer.

"Teacher Zhang Ye?"

"Teacher Zhou Hao."

"Teacher Chen, you came too?"

A few of them stood together to talk, but their tones were full of sighs.

Host Zhou Hao whispered, "What do you make of it? We were doing our programs prim and proper and in accordance with the regulations, yet we were stopping just because they say so."

Teacher Chen looked at him, "You must have offended someone, right?"

Zhou Hao turned silent, "Hai, don't mention it."

Teacher Chen said agitatedly, "I'm the most wronged. My program is a f\*\*king children's online program, yet it got axed by them. Aren't they forcing me to the gallows?"

Another host said, "Wasn't there some friction with the Shanghai SARFT back when your Dongchu Video submitted the WebTV application? They are probably using this opportunity to settle scores."

None of them would dare say these words to others, but they were now compatriots in the same war trench, so there was nothing to hide. Furthermore, even if they didn't say it out aloud, everyone knew it in their hearts.

Zhou Hao said angrily, "The programs that should be halted aren't, but a large number of those that shouldn't are halted. Teacher Zhang Ye, you must be feeling aggrieved too, right? I've seen your program before. It's really good. However, there are a large number of programs plagiarizing you, yet what was the result? Those programs are all fine and dandy, but only yours has been taken off the air!"

Zhang Ye asked, "Why aren't the other Talk Shows taken off air?"

Teacher Chen sighed, "I've only heard rumors, so it might not be the truth. Apparently, the two online television stations that plagiarized your program have very good relationships with the SARFT official, Li Tao, who is in charge of this crackdown. It seems they paved their connections well when they first applied to be online television stations. Also, recently, there is to be some adjustments to the Shanghai SARFT chiefs, and I heard that Li Tao is definitely going to be promoted. Hence, his power in Shanghai is growing. Whatever he says is the law. Our company had previously worked with a few other Shanghai

SARFT Leaders, but it ended up useless. Well, these words should not be said to outsiders. Just us knowing is fine. Hai, anyway, it's such a world!"

There was another female host who said, "Have you all prepared the reflection piece?"

"What's there to prepare?" Teacher Chen said, "Just say a few lines would do. We are all in broadcasting, don't we have that tiny bit of skill?"

Zhou Hao said furiously, "I really don't f\*\*king wish to go up there!"

"What can we do other than going up?" Teacher Chen said, "We have already spoken to Li Tao, so if you resist him, are you planning to carry on working in Shanghai in the future? As long as we are in this industry, we are under their control."

Zhou Hao said, "But my program has no problems at all! It has been aired for half a year! Why didn't they say it was inappropriate during the review? Why didn't they tell us to change?"

Teacher Chen looked at him, "Even a children's program like mine was banned. The reason was spreading negative influences to youth. So go have fun at it."

Through everyone's exchange, Zhang Ye got a clearer picture of the situation. This crackdown was said to be making an example out of people, but it was actually Li Tao removing people he disfavored or those who did not benefit him! Whether their programs abided to the regulations or not was not Li Tao's concern. He only focused on the benefit that was brought to him. Clearly, Zhang Ye and the hosts present were abandoned or used as pawns in Li Tao interests' chessboard!

Suddenly, the reporters surged in. They were allowed in!

The SARFT had arranged everyone's seats. Zhang Ye and company sat in their respective seats.

Five minutes later.

Little Zheng from SARFT sat at the podium and announced, "Next, the press conference will officially commence. Let us invite Chief Li Tao to announce the outcome of the recent investigations on programs that violated regulations."

Li Tao strode up the stage high-spiritedly, "Hello dear reporters and friends."

Then, he announced each program that had been halted. "Web Bikini Show", "Zhang Ye's Talk Show"...

The cameras were already rolling and the live broadcast had already begun. Many of the audience, who were paying attention to this massive crackdown on TV programs, were waiting in front of their TV sets. Those who could not receive the signal of the Shanghai's small provincial station watched it online. The broadcast online was synchronized and at most had about 10 seconds of delay.

Under the stage.

Wang Xiong leaned his head, "Have you decided on what to say?"

"Yes, I've already thought of it." Zhang Ye nodded while replying.

Wang Xiong patted him, "It has been hard on you, but...there's no other way."

SARFT—In their eyes was a machete hanging above all their heads. With the directive coming to slash down on them, they did not dare disobey it.

The announcement finished.

Li Tao did not carry on staying on stage as he stepped off stage and sat in the first row, while hugging his shoulders to spectate.

Little Zheng took over the microphone and began the next item on the itinerary, which was to let reporters question as well as the reflections of the relevant staff that had failed to meet regulations.

The first person up was Teacher Zhou Hao and a middle-aged man. The person who spoke was the middle-aged man. He was the Executive Producer of the program that was halted, “As a public television media, we have the obligation to...” After saying a long piece, he finally ended, “Here, I want to represent my program team and my online television station to apologize to the public.”

Li Tao smiled and gave a satisfied nod of approval.

The second person up was Teacher Chen and a few people from his program team.

However, just as Teacher Chen was about to speak, Little Zheng, who was in charge of moderation, said to the reporters, “Everyone can feel free to ask questions.”

The reporters’ mouths were all rabid. The moment they heard this, they began bombarding!

“Teacher Chen, why did you do such a children’s program that violates regulations!”

“Children’s programs are extremely important in a child’s education. Spreading unhealthy information can cause great psychological impact to children, and might even cause mental scars to them. What do you have to say?”

More than ten questions came!

Teacher Chen’s face turned increasingly ugly and was nearly going mad from the questions. However, with his program colleagues reminding him, he still endured it, “I want to express my sincerest apologies. Sorry.” Saying that, he gave a slight bow, but his eyes were filled with humiliation and anger! He only had a normal children’s program. Just because Little Rabbit’s elder sister had been eaten by a bear, they were labeled to be spreading unhealthy information? Teacher Chen had worked for decades and had never been so wronged before. Furthermore, he had to bow to everyone to admit his mistakes! He had to admit to mistakes that weren’t mistakes!

Why?

Just because he was up against the SARFT!

Teacher Chen and the other broadcasting hosts did not dare to say or word, nor was it their place to say anything. All they could do was follow what Li Tao had for them. There was no room for discussion. If they blurted something out, it might not be their program getting banned, but being banned in the entire Shanghai entertainment industry from then on. Even if you left Shanghai to work elsewhere to dodge Shanghai’s SARFT, as long as Li Tao sat on the seat of power, you would not have a pleasant life. The SARFT from other regions were in cahoots with each other. Did Li Tao lack this bit of connections?

Next was the female host going up on stage. She did not look that much older than Zhang Ye. She was probably a recently graduated college graduate. After she apologized, aggrieved tears began falling when she saw the reporters taking her pictures and Li Tao's smirk on the corners of his mouth!

She cried!

She could not handle it!

Wang Xiong turned his head to avoid the scene. His fists were clenched. The other hosts who shared the same enemy gritted their teeth. This bunch of people from the SARFT were too much a bully!

When the reporters saw the female host crying, they looked at each other momentarily. They wiped all sorts of expressions from their faces and sighed in their hearts. To speak the truth, all of them knew that that many of the programs these hosts did had no major problems. There were many other programs that had bigger problems in the Shanghai region, but they were fine, while these bunch of hosts were used to set an example!

Was there any other way?

This was the entertainment industry!

Chapter 266: Zhang Ye's "The Answer"!

At the press conference.

The atmosphere had turned gloomy.

A woman's tears was extremely distressing. However, some people were an exception, for example Li Tao. When he saw the female host crying on stage to no end, he frowned coldly and waved towards Little Zheng and then at the female host.

Little Zheng figured out what he meant, as he said to everyone, "It looks like she has already realized the seriousness of her actions. Let's have the next person. Is Weiwo Video here?"

The female host was "helped" down the stage by the SARFT staff.

Wang Xiong was about to stand up.

Zhang Ye held him down, "Me going alone will do."

"How can you bear the responsibility alone?" Wang Xiong insisted.

"One going is no different from two. It's the same, so don't argue with me." Zhang Ye forcefully pressed on Wang Xiong's shoulder to prevent him from getting up.

Wang Xiong hesitated, "...Alright."

Only then did Zhang Ye stand up and adjusted his suit before striding up on stage.

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At the same time.

Staff of Weiwo company were watching the live broadcast.

“Hai, Teacher Zhang Ye is going on up!” Little Yu exclaimed.

Dong Shanshan had a deadpan expression. Wang Bei, Ah Qian, and other colleagues, who had good relations with Zhang Ye, all had bad expressions. They were all feeling angry for Zhang Ye! One shouldn't kill after one has apologized! If Teacher Zhang Ye's program had really violated the regulations, then so be it, but he didn't! You were banning his program! And you even want him to follow your requirements to give an apology? This wasn't just bullying! This was sending him to the gallows!

“If it were me, I wouldn't go!”

“Not go? Does Teacher Zhang not want to carry on in this line of work?”

“By taking humble pie and apologizing this time, he can at least carry on working in this industry. If he doesn't even go on up at this point, then he can forget about working in this line.”

“The SARFT has always been that tough!”

“Hai, Teacher Zhang has suffered greatly this time!”

Only a few people in the office were smiling in their hearts and happy to watch the fuss. For example the web hosts, who had average relationships with Zhang Ye. Previously, they were envious of a rookie like Zhang Ye having such good results. Now with his program halted, they were naturally gloating.

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Online.

Zhang Ye's fans had already exploded!

“Bastard!”

“SARFT is a bunch of grandsons!”

“Did Teacher Zhang kill your father or your mother?”

“Take a look! Even that female host from before cried! Are the Shanghai SARFT people sick? F\*\*k!”

Another bunch of people cursed again.

“Haha, finally I can see Zhang Ye suffering!”

“It's best if he apologizes in a more contrite manner! Show your deep repentance for scolding my Lee Parkwoo!”

“Zhang Ye, to think you have such a day. Back when you were cursing us Koreans, weren't you having a great time doing so? Now do you know your faults? Serves you right!”

Another Korean exchange student sounded out!

“Let's see you curse us Koreans! KeKeKe, you are dumbfounded already, right!?”

“Your China's SARFT is too good! In our country, as long as cursing China doesn't go too far, they can be put on TV, and might even get the full support of the television station. Here, sure is good. Not only do

you not support your own people, you even kill your own people? I like it! Haha! Well done! This person in charge is called Li Tao, right? I represent the people of Korea to give you a Like!”

The moment a few exchange students said this, a new round of insults began!

How could the Chinese nationalists stand for this? They surged forward with curses!

However, the Korean exchange students’ words made these people feel gloomy. They could only admit that what they had said was the truth. Li Tao, as well as the people from SARFT, not only did not support their own country and even helped the Koreans ban an excellent program bred by their own country. It was really aggrieving those near to us and gladdening the enemy! What was the Shanghai SARFT thinking!? What was that Deputy Chief, Li Tao, thinking!?

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At the studio.

The first row off-stage was filled with the Leaders from the SARFT and civil servants.

Li Tao looked up on stage at Zhang Ye with a smile. He was waiting for Zhang Ye’s reflection. He naturally had his considerations on this matter. As for what the outcome was, as for if the program should or should not be halted, Li Tao did not care. If he felt it should be halted, it would be halted. There was no need with any more nonsense! You have your opinions? So what? Ever since the SARFT merged with the press and publication sector, then all the powers was theirs!

Zhang Ye sat down.

Little Zheng glanced at him, and without waiting for Zhang Ye to speak, he interjected and said to the reporters, “You may begin asking your questions.”

Many people noticed that the other program teams, that had violated the regulations were not allowed to be questioned. However, the moment Teacher Chen and Teacher Zhang Ye went on stage, the SARFT staff would immediately allow the reporters to ask their questions. The targeting was too obvious!

Wang Xiong’s face turned gloomy!

Teacher Chen, Zhou Hao, and the other hosts were by the side were comforting the tearing female host. She might never have encountered that much injustice before as she was still crying.

The reporters began questioning!

“Zhang Ye, why did you use such gimmicks to attract an audience?”

“Is your program’s continuous insult at Korea your personal intentions or the company’s intentions?”

“With your program halted due to violating regulations, if you were to start another talk show, how would you do it? Would you carry on making this same mistake?”

“There are many people reporting your program now. There has been a lot of criticism on the internet. I want to know your thoughts on the matter.”

“Zhang Ye...”



“Teacher Zhang...”

“Why aren’t you speaking?”

“Zhang Ye, please answer us!”

The reporters asked one after another, but Zhang Ye did not say a single response!

Li Tao coldly looked at Zhang Ye. Not speaking? Do you think it’s fine if you don’t speak?

Little Zheng frowned at Zhang Ye and said to him, “Zhang Ye, please answer the reporters’ questions!”

Everyone believed Zhang Ye would apologize and would then hurriedly get off stage after doing so because his opponent was the Shanghai SARFT! It was because they were an existence that no one in the entertainment industry dared to offend! In everyone’s impression, even the most irascible person in the industry was not dumb enough to fight the SARFT, but they were wrong. This world had to have that one exception!

Others did not dare to do such a thing? Zhang Ye dared to do!

Others don’t dare to speak? Zhang Ye dared to speak!

Maybe everyone did not have such a concept or had long forgotten that Zhang Ye was not only a professional and dedicated host, he was also a person who dared to curse his unit at the Silver Microphone Awards and his Leader on a live television broadcast! There was no such word as “fear” in his dictionary!

“Zhang Ye!” Little Zheng from the SARFT rebuked him, “Do you have anything to say?” Even an ordinary employee of the Shanghai SARFT dared to speak to Zhang Ye in such a manner. And based on what? It was because of the power that the SARFT possessed!

Question me? Scold me? Entrap me? Wrong me?

You still want me to apologize? You even want me to go according to your wishes and scripts to answer?

Zhang Ye smiled and he appeared extremely calm. He did not have an expression that was preparing to show his remorse. You want my answer? All right! I will give you SARFT “The Answer”! This was a live broadcast, right? Just to my liking. I’ve said it before. As long as you don’t let me live comfortably, I will not let you live comfortably too!

Trying to compare in ability to cause trouble?

Ha! No one in the entertainment industry can compete with me!

At most, I’ll just quit! At most, I won’t work in the entertainment industry, but you want me to swallow this today? You guys are too naive!

I’m afraid of all of you?

Go f\*\*k yourself!

The moment Zhang Ye grabbed the microphone, the reporters simmered in their words. Wang Xiong, Teacher Chen, Zhou Hao, and company were all watching Zhang Ye. There were numerous people

before the TV either supporting him or watching to see him being ridiculed. They wanted to see how Zhang Ye apologized.

Li Tao chuckled. You couldn't hold on anymore? Weren't you remaining silent? In the end, you still have to apologize.

Then, Zhang Ye spoke. However, the first words he said made everyone present or those in front of their screens dumbfounded!

Zhang Ye indifferently glanced at the SARFT staff and at Li Tao, "Debasement is the password of the base. Nobility the epitaph of the noble!"

Ah!

What?

This was a poem? A modern poem?

No one expected Zhang Ye to start with this! What did it mean? Debasement is the password of the base. Nobility the epitaph of the noble? The derision in those words were too intense! And anyone who knew a bit of literature knew that this poem was not simple from its opening lines!

Li Tao's expression changed!

The staff of the SARFT were stunned by what Zhang Ye said! This was a live broadcast program!

Zhang Ye ignored it and raised his head to look high up, "See how the gilded sky is covered, with the drifting twisted shadows of the dead. The Ice Age is over now. Why is there ice everywhere? The Cape of Good Hope has been discovered. Why do a thousand sails contest the Dead Sea?" A few questions were thrown off stage!

The entire scene turned silent!

Even the cameramen were dumbfounded. They did not know if they should cut off the live broadcast signal!

Zhang Ye smiled. "I came into this world, bringing only paper, rope, a shadow. To proclaim before the judgment, the voice that has been judged." Upon saying this, Zhang Ye's tone suddenly changed. He wiped away his smile and deepened his voice, "Let me tell you, world, I—do—not—believe! If a thousand challengers lie beneath your feet, count me as number one thousand and one!"

"I don't believe that the sky is blue!"

"I don't believe in thunder's echoes!"

"I don't believe that dreams are false!"

"I don't believe that death has no revenge!"

The moment these words were out, they reverberated in the entire hall!

Zhang Ye smiled once again, "If the sea is destined to breach the dikes, let all the brackish water pour into my heart. If the land is destined to rise, let humanity choose a peak for existence again. A new

conjunction and glimmering stars, adorn the unobstructed sky now; They are the pictographs from five thousand years.” Zhang Ye raised his head once again, and looked towards the camera and pointed high up and said in a determined fashion, “They are the.. watchful eyes of future generations!”

What people did, the Heavens were watching!

History will give me my justice!

This was Zhang Ye’s “The Answer”!

It was Bei Dao’s work from Zhang Ye’s world!

Chapter 267: That familiar Teacher Zhang is back again!

The scene at the live broadcast turned silent!

Zhang Ye had answered them!

He used a method that was exclusive to Zhang Ye alone!

He used an answering method that would astound everyone!

After the poem finished, the reporters off-staged gasped. Some stared in disbelief at Zhang Ye, while others wiped the cold sweat from their foreheads. The first row of Shanghai SARFT staff nearly coughed out blood. They were nearly infuriated to death by Zhang Ye’s poem. Especially with Li Tao as the highest ranking official in charge of this press conference. Li Tao’s face had turned red with anger. Veins bulged from his neck and he looked like he was going to rush up on stage to gnaw Zhang Ye to death. He hated him to the bone!

The others had not reacted in time yet!

A few seconds later, there was an uproar!

“Holy sh\*t!”

“This poem...”

“Zhang Ye has gone mad!”

“How is he so daring!? Why is he so daring!?”

“He’s cursing the SARFT? Does he plan not to work anymore?”

Many reporters stood up with a rush. They had previously been gathered here by the SARFT. The questions they asked mostly followed the core context of the SARFT’s press conference, but at this moment, their attitudes changed. What replaced their expressions was that of great excitement and interest. The professional love of chaos as a reporter immediately surged up!

What did being on stimulants look like?

It was what they looked like now!

Click! Click! Click! The reporters began to barrage Zhang Ye with camera flashes. Some of them hurriedly used their memory to record down the stirring poem!

It was big news!

This time, the news was major!

Comrade Zhang Ye! Why are you always...so cute!

When the reporters came, they believed that they were here to go through the motions and report according to the usual patterns. They never expected such a shocking scene!

“Zhang Ye is infuriated!”

“Zhang Ye is infuriated once again!”

Some Shanghai reporters were no stranger to Zhang Ye. The airplane hijacking was the first time Zhang Ye appeared in Shanghai, catching the attention of the people. Hence, many reporters had investigated Zhang Ye’s past. However, there were many reporters and SARFT staff who did not understand him.

A young reporter said in surprise, “What does this mean?”

Another female reporter said in a daze, “Why do you mean infuriated once again? Has he done something like this in the past?”

“Far more than that.” An old reporter chuckled, “It’s not only once. This Zhang Ye is extremely notorious in Beijing. Once, at an awards ceremony, he did not show his gratitude after receiving the award, and instead scolded his unit in public. Later on, when he went to a television station, he disrupted a live broadcast at a funeral wake. He cursed his superior in front of the cameras. What newspaper are you from? You haven’t even heard of this matter? Back then, this matter caused quite a hubbub. Later, that Wang Shuixin was arrested. When some people live, they are already dead. When some people die, they are still alive. Have you never heard this poem?”

The young reporter said, “I’ve heard of it! That poem is so famous!”

The old reporter said, “This poem was written by Zhang Ye. And he had written it out of inspiration on a live broadcast.”

A middle-aged female reporter, who had heard of Zhang Ye before, was recording down “The Answer” and speaking to them at the same time, “When the SARFT held a press conference, I already knew that the name list had Zhang Ye. Later on, someone told me in the afternoon that it was a live broadcast. Then, I was very surprised. I was wondering why the SARFT dared to let him go on live broadcast with his notoriety in Beijing. I was extremely curious and wondrous at how daring the SARFT staff were. I even thought that they had communicated with Zhang Ye to ensure that Zhang Ye behaved and did a honest apology, but who knew that it did not happen! Did they not communicate at all?”

The old reporter was also at a loss whether to laugh or cry, “Yeah. When I heard that it was a live broadcast, I was stunned. I have quite a number of friends in the Beijing television media circles. From what they say, Zhang Ye has long been banned from appearing on live broadcasts there. It’s no different than trying to shield themselves from thieves. The Shanghai SARFT didn’t know?”

A few of the reporters spoke quite loudly.

The first row of Shanghai SARFT staff heard it and turned back in surprise. What? Zhang Ye had previously done this before? And more than once? Holy sh\*t! How didn't we know about it!? Why didn't anyone tell them? They were the Shanghai SARFT and their scope was only in Shanghai. There was not much interests that intersected with Beijing, and since they were not in the media industry, they could not follow up with so much provincial news every day. Hence, many of them really did not know of Zhang Ye's notoriety. They subconsciously believed no one in the industry would dare openly challenge them!

"Hurry and stop the broadcast!"

"It's already too late!"

"Do we stop the live broadcast now?"

"There's no way to stop it. We can't end it like that. The effects would be disastrous!"

The SARFT staff were all panicking. They had never encountered such a matter! They had no experience in dealing with such matters! They were in a mess!

"Chief Li!"

"Chief Li, what do we do?"

The SARFT staff looked towards the backbone of the administration, Li Tao.

Li Tao ground his molars so loudly that even the people beside him could hear it, "Carry on broadcasting! We can't stop it now!"

How could he end the broadcast with a poem that scolded their Shanghai SARFT and him? The negative impact would be even greater! Now, whether he liked it or not, he had to bite the bullet and allow the broadcast to carry on. He had to turn the situation around before the end of the live broadcast. He needed to save the reputation of the Shanghai SARFT!

When Wang Xiong saw the chaos, sweat was dripping down his head. He nearly felt like fainting in his chair. He only had a thought — "We're doomed!"

The eyes of the other program team staff and hosts, who had been punished, lit up. The female host, who had been crying because of the injustice, stopped crying. She clenched her fist tightly in excitement as she cheered on Zhang Ye in her eyes! The other people like Teacher Chen and Teacher Chou wished they could applaud Zhang Ye! Well said! It was so well f\*\*king said! Debasement is the password of the base! Nobility the epitaph of the noble! The first line of the poem was enough to penetrate straight into their hearts! The shock they experienced was indescribable!

Zhang Ye was speaking up for them!

Zhang Ye was shouting out the rage in their hearts for them!

The female host and Teacher Chen did not possess the courage or guts that Zhang Ye had. They could not go up to say anything. All they could do was stand silently to support Zhang Ye with this gesture!

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Weiwo Company.

It was unknown when Feng Guiqin had arrived at the WebTV department office. She was watching the live broadcast of the Shanghai provincial television station!

Feng Guiqin seemed to be in a daze as she stood motionless.

Dong Shanshan covered her eyes, and was at a loss as to what to say!

Wang Bei was holding a bottle of mineral water, as if she was about to drink it, but now, the water in the bottle was splashing on the ground. She wasn't even aware or conscious about it!

Ah Qian said stunned, "I never knew...knew that Teacher Zhang was so fierce!"

The entire WebTV department all knew Zhang Ye was quite a fierce person. From the first day he joined them, he had already cursed out a Human Resources staff member. Later on, while doing talk shows, he would curse anyone he wished on the program. Everyone knew this matter, but, but none of them believed that Teacher Zhang Ye could scold so god damn fiercely!

Cursing the SARFT?

Challenging the SARFT?

And all during a live broadcast!?

For example, the web hosts, Teacher Han and Teacher Gong never liked Zhang Ye. Seeing Zhang Ye on television, scolding the Shanghai SARFT without a fear through a shocking poem, they felt their wits escape them. This was a ruthless person! This sort of person was best not to offend in the future. If they could endure, then endure. They were afraid of his tough measures! As his opposites, they feared him!

Little Yu wiped his sweat, "I heard Teacher Zhang was just like this back in Beijing!"

Feng Guiqin, "I shouldn't have let him go on a live broadcast! Great! Now, this matter is getting serious!"

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At the same time.

There was a sensation on the internet!

Zhang Ye's "The Answer" blinded numerous pairs of eyes!

"Hahahaha! Where are those brainless fans of the Koreans? Come on out!"

"Who said Teacher Zhang would apologize? Who said it?"

"That's right! Just now, who was the one who wanted to watch Zhang Ye being ridiculed? You are too naive! Who is Teacher Zhang Ye!? He is the most outspoken person in the entertainment industry! He will apologize? Bull-f\*\*king sh\*t!:"

"I'm really silly. Seriously. I actually believed Zhang Ye would reflect on his actions! I should have guessed! With Zhang Ye's terrible temper! How could he possible bow down?!"

"Aiyah, I'm dying of laughter!"

“Teacher Zhang, you cursed so nicely!”

“I didn’t laugh. My blood was boiling with excitement!”

“Teacher Zhang Ye did not disappoint us! Too awesome!”

“What a good ‘debasement is the password of the base’! Teacher Zhang Ye is still that Teacher Zhang Ye! You want Zhang Ye to admit his faults? You found the wrong person!”

“Right! The SARFT must be dumbfounded now! They wanted to squeeze a soft persimmon, but haha, they ended up kicking a metal plate!”

“I’m really full of admiration towards Li Tao’s intelligence. Didn’t you check what sort of person Zhang Ye was for you to decided to ban his program? You even dared to let him go on a live broadcast? Aiyo, damn! I can only say Li Tao, you’ve won. You have the greatest guts! I still remember back when Teacher Zhang Ye left his job to go to Shanghai for work. We, as the troll army, had reminded you Shanghai counterparts! We already repeatedly reminded you to be careful! Teacher Zhang Ye has gone to your place—This was the sentence we, the troll army, sent to the top 100 places on the internet buzzwords ranking. There was also a translation behind this sentence. It was the same meaning as the devil entering the village! Why! Why didn’t you believe us!? Why didn’t you have the most basic vigilance!? No one can save people of such low intelligence! Have you seen it now? Have you learned now?”

“Zhang Ye the mighty!”

“Forever supporting Teacher Zhang Ye! We have to expose the conspiracy!”

“It’s been awhile since we’ve seen Teacher Zhang Ye’s anger and prowess. Today, we have seen it once again. I find it so warm and fuzzy. That familiar Teacher Zhang is back again!”

Chapter 268: “The Last Speech” of Zhang Ye!

“Support Zhang Ye!”

“Standing in solidarity with Teacher Zhang!”

“Everyone band together! We must support Zhang Ye!”

“Right, strongly supporting Zhang Ye! Lift the ban on ‘Zhang Ye’s Talk Show’!”

“Return my Teacher Meimei! She cried while apologizing just now!”

“Supporting the return of Teacher Chen’s children program! In the past, I couldn’t understand Zhang Ye, now I understand what he stands for. I’m supporting Teacher Zhang Ye at the same time. Well done!”

“That’s right! Teacher Zhang, well done!”

“Zhang Ye is sacrificing himself to die with the SARFT!”

“Zhang Ye is a person of high morals! He demands justice, even if he dies!”

In the past, whenever Zhang Ye caused trouble, there were many of his industry peers who would comment on it. There would be both praises and curses. However, today, not a single person in the industry said a single word. It was as if everyone had agreed before hand to maintain silence. There was

no other reason, other than the fact that this matter was extremely sensitive! No one dared to speak out when it was related to SARFT! If it was not done well, they could end up being banned!

However, a VIP account on Weibo, with a million fans, made a statement. He was not a member of the entertainment industry, but someone who specifically released breaking news or did consumer advocacy. His Weibo name was “A Mouth”. He had exposed many fake merchandises and was known in the industry as one who dared to speak voice his opinion. He said, “In the past people called me ‘A Big Mouth’, saying that I dared to speak my mouth, but only I know that some words are not meant to be said by me. Today, while watching Shanghai SARFT’s news press conference live broadcast, I want to say...Teacher Zhang Ye, you’ve won. You dare to speak your mouth more than me!”

“Who is Zhang Ye?”

“Ah, Zhang Ye is in trouble again?”

“What’s going on? Brother Big Mouth actually admitted that he’s inferior to someone? I must take a look!”

The online world was ever so buzzing with excitement. People were more spontaneous online, and they seldom had scruples about speaking their mind. If they liked it, they liked it. If they hated it, they hated it. The reputation of the SARFT wasn’t good in the industry. They also suffered a bad reputation in the eyes of the common people. There had been countless times the SARFT banned celebrities that were well-liked. Hence, many commoners had emotions of conflict and resentment deep down!

“The Answer” ignited the emotions of everyone who read it!

“The Answer” pushed the Shanghai SARFT to the forefront!

However, Bei Dao’s “The Answer” was a profound poem. Its meaning was not clear like the literal meaning of the words used. It was different from “My Confession” or “Prisoner’s Song”, which could be understood at a glance. Many people could understand it, but there were also many who could not understand the meaning behind it. They only found the scolding very liberating!

“What’s the meaning of this poem?”

“Yes, looking for an expert’s interpretation and analysis!”

Finally, someone from Zhang Ye’s fan club stepped forward to analyze it. He posted on Zhang Ye’s fan club’s Tieba, “Many people are saying they can’t understand Teacher Zhang’s new poem. Let me explain it simply to everyone. I’m limited and my literary standard is far from Teacher Zhang Ye’s, so I may not be able to completely interpret what Teacher Zhang wants to express. What I say can only be used as a reference for everyone. Let me first say that the line, ‘debasement is the password of the base. Nobility the epitaph of the noble’ is the core premise of the entire poem! It is also the most powerful line! Teacher Zhang Ye is mocking the Shanghai SARFT as lowlife scum who use underhanded tactics to make their lives better, and even to the point of promotion and riches. For gentlemen like Teacher Zhang Ye and others, they have to carry the noble banner to their grave. The good are not rewarded!”

“See how the gilded sky is covered, with the drifting twisted shadows of the dead? Those shadows are an analogy of those nobles! The Ice Age is over now. Why is there ice everywhere? The Cape of Good Hope has been discovered. Why do a thousand sails contest the Dead Sea? Were these two lines a



question? No, I believe this is Teacher Zhang Ye's interrogation! He was interrogating the SARFT, as well as everyone. Then the next few lines push the poem to its climax! Even if a thousand challengers lie beneath your feet, count me as number one thousand and one? Zhang Ye was saying no! And he was saying no to the entire world!"

"I don't believe the sky is blue!"

"I don't believe in thunder's echoes!"

"I don't believe that dreams are false!"

"I don't believe that death has no revenge!"

"This was the charm of literature! This was the literary prowess of a top poet! Some people might not understand the profound meaning behind the poem, but I believe when people hear those few words of 'I don't believe', your hearts were be filled with heated blood! Filled with anger! The climax wraps up here too. If it were me, I would have definitely chosen to cut the poem off here, as I would have thought that it was already sufficient. However, Zhang Ye did not do so. He actually became peaceful next. This is the difference between a great poet and a normal literature hobbyist. After I listened to the following lines several times, which I felt were originally not needed, I was suddenly stunned. I then began to realize the ending stanzas were the crowning touch of the poem. If there's only the earlier portions, the poem would only be considered excellent, but with the final stanza, this poem has personally made me give it an additional 'great' label! Let all the brackish water pour into my heart? What sort of feelings are these!? The star-filled sky and an unobstructed sky are the watchful eyes of future generations? What sort of faith is this!?"

"I do not know what feelings Zhang Ye harbored while creating this poem at the moment, whether it be him carrying pangs of anger or him refusing to submit, I know, at least in my heart, this poem is Zhang Ye's best work! Zhang Ye is China's greatest poet! His ideals, rage, beliefs, resolve, and unyielding attitude are all so vividly reflected in his works! I cannot comment on whether there are shortcomings in what Zhang Ye does as a person, nor do I have the qualifications to judge if Zhang Ye is a good man or a bad egg, but I can evaluate his works! In the literature development in China, no one can deny Zhang Ye's outstanding contributions towards it!"

This person was done speaking.

This post had more than a thousand replies the next few moments!

"So that's how it is!"

"I finally understand it!"

"Teacher Zhang wrote it too well!"

"F\*\*k! This SARFT bunch of grandsons! I want to be like Teacher Zhang! I don't believe that dreams are false! I don't believe that death has no revenge!

"The SARFT has really been cursed badly this time!"

"However, hai, Teacher Zhang might really be in big trouble now."

The moment this was said, many of Zhang Ye's fans became silent.

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There were still brainless fans of the Koreans that carried on cursing Zhang Ye!

"You just needed to apologize and admit that you shouldn't have commented on our Lee Parkwoo. You even scolded the SARFT? You really don't know how the word death is written! Who @ us just now? Alright, I admit that I never expected this outcome. I never expected Zhang Ye to use such a method, but Zhang Ye is finished. He's really finished. This is the outcome. This is also something we would love to see. Hai, you can only blame Zhang Ye for being so foolish!"

"Zhang Ye is really dumb!"

"This is him sending himself to his death!"

"Hahaha, we have finally succeeded at getting revenge for our Lee Parkwoo!"

"The live broadcast is still carrying on. Let's hurry and see how the SARFT punishes Zhang Ye! He disrupted a press conference. It definitely won't be light! He can stop thinking about working in the entertainment industry in the future!"

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At the press conference, everyone began discussing.

Many people were also concerned about the development in front of their television sets.

Everyone knew that under the situation of the live broadcast carrying on meant that the SARFT would definitely not sit idle!

Wang Xiong winked at Zhang Ye from off-stage, motioning for him to stop sitting there and to hurry up and get down!

However, Zhang Ye seemed to not see it. After he finished reciting the poem, he still sat there motionless, as if he was waiting for the SARFT officials to say something. It seemed like he still had words to say.

Li Tao fiercely said, "Microphone!"

A SARFT official quickly brought one to him.

Li Tao stared at Zhang Ye as he held the microphone saying, "Zhang Ye, from what you said just now, I understand it that you are disobeying instructions from higher authorities, while you persist on acting wilfully and arbitrarily as you wish, bent on repeating your mistakes to the end? About the investigation of your program, it was carried out by several departments. It was investigated very thoroughly. The relevant violations and penalties have been made public. Anyone can look it up. You are not satisfied with the directives?"

Another Shanghai SARFT minor official looked towards Wang Xiong, "Wang Xiong, he's your own man! Take care of him yourself!"

Li Tao began speaking again. At this point, he had already stood up and his face was fierce. It was as if he was gonna barrage and point out the many sins Zhang Ye had committed. He wanted to save the situation and not affect the SARFT's reputation. If he did not speak after being scolded by Zhang Ye, then what would happen to their authority as the SARFT!?

However, Zhang Ye did not give him a chance to speak. He too stood up and held the microphone and looked offstage with his eyes narrowed, "Today, I will make a speech, and it can also be "The Last Speech" of mine. We all know that, only a few days ago, the most despicable, the most shameless incident of history occurred in Shanghai. Many of our programs were halted for no reason at all. What crime have we committed to deserve such an ending in unconscionable hands!? I merely used a pen to write a few articles, used my mouth to speak out, and what I said and wrote was nothing more than what any Chinese citizen with a conscience would say!"

Foreigners can scold us?

Foreigners can obstruct us?

We just made fun of them casually with a sentence, with not a single expletive, yet we are blamed by our own people and repressed for it? And instead want to kill us? What the f\*\*k reasoning is that!?

Everyone could read between the lines of what Zhang Ye said!

The reporters also nodded slightly. Many people began to pick up their pens to record it down, recording "The Last Speech" of Zhang Ye!

Zhang Ye stared at them, "We all have pens and mouths. If there is a reason for it, why not speak out!? Why must we be shut down and ban the programs we put our tears and blood into? Why is whatever you say the truth!? To not dare speak openly, but to hide in the shadows to do evil! Setting up tricks to harm us in devious ways! I do not know your intentions, or what your mental state is, or how your hearts grow! Do you think that banning programs and a few people would scare us off? I'm telling you, justice can never be massacred, because the truth will always exist!"

Wang Xiong was stunned as a surge of warm blood rose up!

A few hosts, who were in the same boat as Zhang Ye, stood up one by one. Everyone clenched their fists as their fists trembled!

Zhang Ye said loudly, Maybe today, I would fall, but bright days are coming for us. Look, the light is before us. Now is the darkest moment before dawn. We have the power to break through this darkness and attain the light! The coming of our light marks the final moment for you! Flip through the history books and take a look! You can take a look! Dark clouds will pass! The light will come!"

Too ruthless!

These words were precise in their ruthlessness!

Li Tao and the SARFT staff panicked!

"Quick stop the live broadcast!"

"Holy sh\*t! Don't let him carry on!"

“Your sister! I’ve seen what an asshole is like!”

“Us shutting you down? It’s more like you f\*\*king shutting us down!”

“Who said we should carry on the live broadcast? What situation is there to f\*\*king save now! Isn’t this Zhang Ye still the only one speaking!?”

“Hurry and interrupt him!”

“We can’t cut him off! He does a talk show! Who can beat him with words!”

Li Tao suddenly stood up and shouted, “Zhang Ye! Do you know what you are saying? You can step down! To smear your superior departments! Misleading the people in a live broadcast! I now announce! From today, your broadcasting host qualifications shall be revoked!” He looked towards Wang Xiong angrily and said, “Your company has to execute the directive!”

The SARFT staff on stage rushed over!

One of them wanted to grab Zhang Ye’s microphone, while the other tried to pull Zhang Ye off stage!

But just as they ran a few meters, Zhang Ye was still speaking, “Today for me to stand here to lecture on stage, I already have nothing to fear. I already have a sacrificial spirit! This morning, the moment I stepped out the door, I didn’t think of stepping back!\*”

F\*\*k!

That can’t be necessary, right?

Do you think this is an execution ground!?

The people from the SARFT who came to stop him sped up their pace!

Li Tao also immediately gave the order to stop the live broadcast.

However, at the moment the signal was to be disconnected, Zhang Ye said a sentence that previously shocked and infected his world. It was also the core of “The Last Speech”. Zhang Ye narrowed his eyes and bolstered his chest and neck, as he said coldly word by word to the SARFT staff, “Look and see! Open your eyes wide and see! With one Zhang Ye sacrificed! Thousands and thousands of Zhang Ye will stand up!

The moment this was said, the entire house was stunned!

Li Tao stumbled and nearly fainted!

The female host, who had cried, looked excited. She was no longer herself!

Many reporters clenched their fists as they felt the blood boiling in their hearts!

The other people from the SARFT nearly vomited blood! We cannot let him carry on! If this f\*\*king goes on, it will become a further mess! Them as members of the Shanghai SARFT finally at this day and moment, learned of Zhang Ye’s mouth! It was f\*\*king ruthless!

With one Zhang Ye sacrificed!

Thousands and thousands of Zhang Ye will stand up?

Zhang Ye finished his speech and the live broadcast signal was cut off. However, there was not a single applause for the speech right there and then! After Zhang Ye, who was 'invited' down the stage by the SARFT officials, looked at the reporters' stunned expressions and the gazes of his peers, who had been repressed, he knew and could even hear a heated applause from deep within everyone's hearts!

This was a perfect speech!

This was the extremely famous "The Last Speech" from his world. After some cuts and embellishment by Zhang Ye, it had been used in this world today!

As a farewell to the entertainment industry, Zhang Ye no longer had any regrets!

He had already told the world what sort of person he, Zhang Ye, was as a person!

Chapter 269: Solidarity from Everywhere!

The live broadcast halted!

The image on the television was interrupted!

After a few seconds of interrupted signal, an advertisement was played at the last moment. From the looks of it, the Shanghai provincial channel was completely caught off guard!

What a great speech!

What a great Zhang Ye!

The people in charge of the live broadcast and cameramen were basically all employees of the television station. When Zhang Ye's "The Answer" came out, they already knew that an incident had happened. The television station's headquarters immediately ordered the site-in-charge and SARFT officials to discuss, but the SARFT officials decided to go ahead with the live broadcast. The officials of the television station knew that the SARFT wanted to salvage the situation, probably by revoking Zhang Ye's status as a host and then reprimand him. It had suited the press conference's theme of having a review anyway. They would then cut the live broadcast off and the whole plan would have taken just a few minutes.

But what they did not expect was that Zhang Ye did not even give the SARFT officials a chance to speak. From beginning till the end, the speaking authority was with him. No one could manage to cut in! The people from SARFT did not know why it turned out this way, but Shanghai Television Station knew. This was because of an extremely talented host's basic qualities and charisma! Zhang Ye had all these abilities. As long as he stood there, as long as he had a mouth, he would be able to control the right to speak. In the world of broadcasting, this ability was called stage presence. In a Karaoke, this ability was called—Mic Hog!

No one could cut in to say anything!

No one could stop Zhang Ye!

Of course, the most critical point was still “The Last Speech”. This was such an earth shaking speech. Every sentence was like a knife, as if it could kill. Whoever heard this speech today was shocked by Zhang Ye’s imposition and words!

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Outside.

Those who were watching the live broadcast of the press conference on television! Those who were watching the live broadcast of the press conference online! They were frozen at this moment!

Justice can never be massacred, because the truth will always exist!

When I stepped out of the door this morning, I was prepared never to step back in again!

If I fall! Thousands and thousands like me will.....rise up!?

Zhang Ye’s fearless, impassioned speech laced with anger echoed in their ears. Some people did not even realize they had already dug into their chests with their nails, while others had their eyes turn red without knowing why!

The internet was abuzz with commotion!

As if a grenade had been thrown!

“Zhang Ye! You’re the best!”

“Teacher Zhang! Good one!”

“I will support you for the rest of my life!”

“Teacher Zhang! We stand together with you!”

“F\*\*k your grandpa Shanghai SARFT! I will fight it out with you!”

“Count me in! I will go to SARFT’s website and scold them everyday from now on! Bullies! Such bullies! They can’t do things like that!”

“I’m filled with anger! Why do good people not get what they deserve? Why do they have to oppress Teacher Zhang Ye? SARFT officials! I want to ask why! When a fan was diagnosed with terminal illness, who was the one who became broke to help his fan? I want to ask why! When our country was insulted and provoked, who was the one who withstood the pressure and fought back through his program! I want to ask why! When a plane was hijacked, who was the one who selflessly fought with the criminals, landed the plane, and saved hundreds of lives? Who? Tell us! Where were you all back then? What are you all doing now? Has your conscience been eaten by dogs?”

“Why does ‘Zhang Ye’s Talk Show’ need to be halted?”

“You’re even revoking Teacher Zhang Ye’s status as a host?”

“Bastards! You guys are too harsh! Are you still humans!”

“When has Teacher Zhang Ye ever offended you? Ah!”

After Zhang Ye's speech, many neutrals could no longer sit idle. Their anger had been lit as "The Last Speech" of Zhang Ye touched countless people!

"Vindicate Teacher Zhang!"

"How can anyone look on just like that? I can't watch silently anymore!"

"This might be the last time Teacher Zhang speaks, the last time being on stage. Shouldn't we do something?"

"I didn't used to like Zhang Ye much. I didn't like his temper, his character, nor his works, but today, his speech really grabbed my heart! Hit me right in the feels! When my girlfriend walked into the room just now, she asked me why I was crying. I touched my face and then realized that I was crying! Zhang Ye is right. He's saying what any Chinese with a conscience would say! Based on what should he be targeted time after time? What did he say that was wrong? What laws did he break? As long as it's a word from the SARFT, everyone has to carry it out without any complaints? Who do you think you are! The emperor!?"

"SARFT, you are too arrogant!"

"That's right! You can remove Teacher Zhang Ye! You can also dismiss Teacher Zhang Ye's host qualifications, but let me use Teacher Zhang's words against you! The truth will always exist! Zhang Ye may have fallen, but thousands and thousands of Zhang Ye will stand up! Those thousands of people now.... includes me!"

"F\*\*k! Me too!"

"F\*\*k! Count me in too!"

With this, countless people responded!

Some people clicked 'Like', some replied with 'Count me in'. In just a blink of the eye, this Weibo post had already gathered over 3000 replies!

Soon, Zhang Ye's speech from the live broadcast had been edited out and was making its rounds on Weibo.

The masses were all gathered to this Weibo post and forwarding it. The number of people who supported Zhang Ye was now 3-4 times more compared to when Zhang Ye replied with "The Answer".

Suddenly, something happened that no one had expected!

Hunan Television Station's official Weibo had liked Zhang Ye's "The Last Speech". It was indicated clearly!

"Hunan Television Station liked?"

"Is this the official Weibo? F\*\*k!"

"Was it a mistake by a staff member?"

“Doesn’t the official Weibo just announce official news? Isn’t it just an announcement platform? But to give Teacher Zhang’s scolding of the SARFT a Like?”

“This is in support of Zhang Ye!”

“Hunan Station, you are too supportive!”

“We thank you on behalf of Teacher Zhang Ye!”

Not long after, the Weibo verified account of WebTV host Dong Shanshan also gave Zhang Ye’s video a Like and forwarded it!

Followed by a female host from Hunan Station!

Then followed by a Deputy General Manager of the online television station of Teacher Chen!

Finally, a total of more than a dozen hosts from the industry had Liked the video. Some of them were people whom Zhang Ye knew, like his friends and old colleagues, but it was mostly people he did not know in person! They did not say anything, but just used this way to show support for Zhang Ye! When these hosts did that, their fans also came along and followed the incident!

Finally, a old host, who had since retired from the television industry, called Meng Yixu said something. He was considered a rather well-known person in the circle. Although not a top host, he had a lot of experience hosting many programs before, “Zhang Ye, I’ve paid attention to this young man’s program, but it was just some attention, but after his speech today, I feel that I have to say something. Whatever Little Zhang’s character is like, whatever temper he has, I won’t comment, but his personality and qualities definitely have no problem! A person who can speak like that, how could he be a bad person? He’d rather sacrifice himself to demand an explanation! To seek justice for himself and the others! Just based on that alone, I am inferior to him. I also admire him! What I really want to know now is, who groomed a person like Zhang Ye? With that ‘If I fall, thousands and thousand like me will stand up?’ I suddenly wish to meet Zhang Ye. I want to see what kind of a talent can give a speech that excites the people!”

“Teacher Meng has appeared too!”

“F\*\*k! Teacher Meng is giving his support to Teacher Zhang Ye too!”

“The masses have sharp eyes! SARFT is done for!”

“SARFT’s authority is given to you by the masses! With the masses, having lost our trust, what are you? What are you? You all are damn fucking nothing!”

Beijing Television Station’s Hu Fei also made a stand despite the risks, “I had thought that Zhang Ye could only recite poetry and write some novels and couplets, but who knew that he could give such an earth-shattering speech too! There are many famous speeches in the world, most of them coming from times of conflicts. These years, there have been many speeches and many of those had been commended as outstanding speeches, but to be known as a famous speech, to be labeled famous, there has never been any. Today, after listening to “The Last Speech” of Zhang Ye, I insist on saying that the world of famous speeches....should include “The Last Speech”! It is that great! He is also that great!”

Online, it was now in a mess!



Some were scolding the SARFT, some openly supported Zhang Ye, some covertly supported him!

To sum it up, Zhang Ye's speech had put both himself and the SARFT on the cusps of the news!

"The Last Speech". This was from Zhang Ye's previous world and was the last work of Wen Yiduo. It was a speech that Mr Wen used to denounce political reactionaries. As to why it was called "The Last Speech", it was actually not named as such by Mr Wen himself. The people gave that title to it afterwards, because on the day of giving that speech, Mr Wen was assassinated by political secret agents! Zhang Ye's previous work "Dead Water" at the the Silver Microphone Awards was also a work of Wen Yiduo!

With such a background!

By such a great literary person!

Such an earth-shattering speech that had influenced Zhang Ye's previous world!

For Zhang Ye to use it to scold the SARFT, it was really overkill. It was as if he had bullied them, but it was the SARFT that had wanted him dead in the first place! Zhang Ye naturally did not hold back! Even if it's a case of using a cannon to kill a mosquito, so be it! It's all of you who I want to kill!

You aren't convinced?

Then bite me!

Chapter 270: A Carefree Soul!

SARFT.

In the press conference hall.

A few SARFT staff members found Li Tao chattering away.

"Chief Li! It's a total mess online!"

"Right, right. Everyone is scolding us!"

"That Zhang Ye is such a jerk! He's trying to get us killed!"

"What should we do now? It's blown up so much that if higher management has any opinions on this, it would be bad!"

"I understand now. Zhang Ye was completely ready to abandon the entertainment industry when he came in here today. He's planning to go down together! What the f\*\*k! How can there be such a person in the entertainment circle? This is an act of hooliganism! Now everything has been broadcasted live and it was nothing but him scolding us! This incident has too much against us! Where did he get such courage? It won't be easy for us to handle either!"

The live broadcast was ruined!

The incident had happened!

The SARFT's plans had all be disrupted by Zhang Ye alone!

Just as Zhang Ye had thought to himself, he was such a person who might not excel at other things, but his skills in blindly causing chaos were godly. No one could do it better than him! The staff of SARFT had guessed right. Zhang Ye had come with the mindset of perishing together. You all want to get rid of me? Want to leave me for dead? You even want me to apologize and reflect on myself? Get the f\*\*k off! If you want me to go down, it won't be that easy! Even if I were to go down now, this man right here will take a piece of you down with me! Don't expect either of us to sail off smoothly! No one will get any comfort!

Some people were fearless like that. Those who were barefooted would not be afraid of those with shoes. but once you became famous and temptations increased, with credit to your name, then you would have much more to defend. You would be too careful with things and would no longer be as carefree as before!

But Zhang Ye was an exception!

Even if he had a little fame now, had more fans, and had a promising career to fight for, but when forced into a corner, he could still throw everything down just to fight for what he believed in! He had always been this carefree about things! This was why everyone called him a hooligan and people became more and more wary of him. No one knew when or where Zhang Ye would do something, like the SARFT scandal today. If it were any other person from the entertainment circle, they would not possibly do such a thing at such a place, right?

But Zhang Ye dared to!

And that was what he did exactly!

Li Tao looked at Zhang Ye, who was escorted off stage with hate in his eyes. The darkness was heavy in his eyes, as if he had a killing intent.

But instead, Zhang Ye smiled while he looked back at him. He no longer had the same anger when he gave his speech, "Chief Li, if there's nothing else, I'll excuse myself."

Li Tao pointed at him, "You're done for!"

Zhang Ye asked, "How am I done for? Are you thinking of getting me killed? Sure, I'll wait. I will take on whatever you intend to hit me with!"

Li Tao said, "Don't even think of staying on in the entertainment circle anymore....."

Before he could finish, Zhang Ye interrupted, "That's exactly what I had in mind, so what! Don't threaten me with banning. It won't work. I will just become an honest commoner in the future, but I don't think you will have it good from now on either. Besides, even if I become a commoner, isn't Weibo still around? The discussions forums are still around? Tieba is still accessible? I will just scold all of you everyday, then I would be stress free after that. I believe that many people like to see me scold you guys. I might even get famous that way." Zhang Ye grinned, "So I intend to make it my job to scold you all, a poem each day, just 5 minutes of mytime every day."

The SARFT's staff panicked!

"Holy sh\*t!"

“Zhang Ye, you....”

“How can you be like that!”

“Do you have any sense of virtue!”

“If you scold us, it can be considered a crime!”

Zhang Ye looked at him and waved, “Thanks for the reminder, you can rest assured that I won’t scold you with any profanities. Just like today.”

The people from SARFT nearly fainted!

If it was said by anyone else, they wouldn’t have minded. It was just scolding anyway. It wasn’t as if they had never been scolded before. To them, it did not hurt or itch them in anyway, but this was Zhang Ye that they were talking about! Zhang Ye’s mouth was so wicked. They had just had a taste of it and if they were to be scolded everyday like they had been today, wouldn’t it be agonizing to death!? Zhang Ye’s poetry and speeches were at the level of them being hallmarks! Even if it were not a poem, a classic sentence like “Debasement is the password of the base” would cause a commotion online, but yet somehow, they could do nothing about it. The SARFT was the greatest authority in the entertainment circle. They had a sword that could silence anyone they raised it upon. However, a wonder like Zhang Ye had appeared today. He was obviously a carefree soul who did not care about consequences, unafraid of the SARFT’s authority. Even if the sword were to be swung, he would not blink. He might even stab back at the SARFT. In fact, it looked like he would be stabbing at them everyday from now on!

Having encountered such a carefree soul, the people of SARFT were almost in tears. What could they do about him? They no longer had any ideas on how to handle Zhang Ye! His program had been halted, his host qualifications were revoked. He had also been banned from the entertainment circle, but.....Zhang Ye did not seem to care at all!

If it’s halted, so be it!

If it’s revoked, so be it!

If I’m banned, so be it!

As long as you don’t kill me! As long as this bro is still alive another day! As long as this bro still has a pen and his mouth, I will play with you all!

Li Tao was extremely angry, “Zhang Ye, don’t force me!”

Zhang Ye laughed, “Are you the ones forcing me or am I forcing you all? You’ve cut off my path and have pinned the falsified charges on me! To even force me to reflect on my actions. Oh, yet you don’t let others talk about you? When I said something, it became me forcing you all? You are even fighting back against me in the name of truth?” There wasn’t anyone around, so they were not worried about what they were saying. It was already down to this, who’s afraid of who!

“Alright! You’re good!” Li Tao stared at him coldly.

Zhang Ye shrugged, “I’m flattered, but I’m not as good as you all. You were all born into a higher class than me while our lives are cheap!”

A youth from the SARFT angrily said, "What the hell are you saying!"

Another middle aged man from the SARFT said, "Who says we are of a higher class? Don't label us anyhow!"

Zhang Ye said helplessly, "Alright then, you guys aren't of a higher class, you are all cheap and lowly."

"How dare you scold us!" That person said furiously!

Zhang Ye threw up his hands helpless again saying, "I did not scold anyone. When I praised you of being of higher class, you didn't accept it. I was just speaking according to your wishes!"

There were still a few reporters not too far away.

The few from the SARFT also did not bother arguing with Zhang Ye anymore. They knew that if they kept on arguing with this professional Talk Show host, they couldn't out-speak him, even with 10 mouths!

"Let's go!" Li Tao commanded!

The people from SARFT followed their Leader and left. They did not bother trying to reason with Zhang Ye anymore, but in actual fact.... it was because they couldn't f\*\*ing out argue him!