

## Chapter 31

Nan Mu didn't know where he got his confidence from, but he felt that she could save Huo Xunzhou.

Lin Shanchu had the self-awareness of living under someone else's roof.

"It's getting late. I'm going to cook." She did not want to get involved in a battle between men.

After Lin Shanchu got out of Huo Xunzhou's line of sight, she left quickly.

Nan Mu looked at Lin Shanchu's back in disbelief, "Look at her, Xunzhou. Women are heartless."

He turned to look at Huo Xunzhou as he spoke.

He then realized that Huo Xunzhou was also looking in the direction of Lin Shanchu's departure, the corners of his mouth lifting up slightly.

"What are you laughing at? Are you laughing at me?" Nan Mu was a little sad.

Huo Xunzhou retracted his gaze and said coldly, "Has Lu Shiyuan been causing you trouble these past two days?"

When it came to business, Nan Mu's expression became serious.

"That b\*stard didn't just cause trouble for me. He also wanted to mess with Ji Yuan. Although he didn't find any evidence that we boosted the popularity of Fu Jue's topic, he should have guessed that we were the ones who did it."

"Be careful," Huo Xunzhou reminded him.

"Got it," Nan Mu replied.

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While they were eating, Nan Mu and Li Mo both had serious expressions.

However, this did not stop them from finishing the food.

If Lin Shanchu the outsider wasn't here, they might have just licked their plates clean.

The more Lin Shanchu looked at them, the more she felt that they were eating their last meal.

It was as if this was the last meal in their lives.

"Are you guys full?" she asked.

The two of them nodded in unison.

Nan Mu sighed sadly. "When I think about how you're going to join the production crew tomorrow and how I won't be able to eat your cooking anymore, I feel bad for myself."

Lin Shanchu reminded him, "I'm just recording a show. I'm not dead yet."

"Oh, you're right." Nan Mu had a look of realization on his face.

"Do the dishes," Huo Xunzhou said while looking at Nan Mu.

The three words were filled with disdain.

Nan Mu scratched his head before running to do the dishes happily.

In the past few days, as long as he had dinner with Huo Xunzhou and the others, Huo Xunzhou would let Li Mo and Nan Mu do the dishes.

The feeling of being respected was something Lin Shanchu had never experienced.

People should live like this, shouldn't they?

Before Nan Mu left, Lin Shanchu stood up. "I'll walk you out."

Nan Mu was stunned for a moment, but then he realized that she might want to tell him something.

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"Alright. Xunzhou, I'm leaving." Nan Mu looked at Huo Xunzhou.

Huo Xunzhou was looking at his phone. He glanced at Nan Mu.

Nan Mu, who was very familiar with him, could see the displeasure in his eyes.

Huh?

Was he unhappy because Lin Shanchu wanted to walk him out?

He had no idea that Huo Xunzhou was the jealous type.

Nan Mu walked out with a smile.

Lin Shanchu did not know what he was happy about. It was impossible for her to ask about it too.

At the door, Nan Mu turned back to look at her. "What's the matter?"

"Can you help me round up a few reporters tomorrow?" Lin Shanchu asked unhurriedly.

"Of course. The production crew has already made arrangements for this." Lin Shanchu was one of the highlights of their show, so of course, they had to create some popularity and market the show.

Lin Shanchu knew that Nan Mu had misunderstood her.

"Lu Shiyuan will definitely come to the venue to look for me tomorrow."

'Look for' was the nice phrase to describe it, but the exact word would be 'catch'.

Nan Mu was also a wily old fox in the entertainment industry. When he heard her say this, his eyes lit up immediately. "I understand! Don't worry! I'll definitely get this done!"

"Thank you," Lin Shanchu said.

"I already told you that you don't have to be so polite with us... Did you tell Xunzhou about this?" Nan Mu changed the topic.

Stunned, Lin Shanchu shook her head.

Nan Mu can easily handle the small matters.

Was there a need to tell Huo Xunzhou?

“Hurry up and tell him when you get back.” After getting into the car, Nan Mu felt the need to remind her worriedly, “You must remember to tell him.”

When Lin Shanchu went back, she noticed that Huo Xunzhou was still playing with his phone in the living room.

His well-defined fingers quickly swiped across the screen.

The speed at which he flipped the pages... Could he really see the contents of the phone?

“Mr. Huo.”

Lin Shanchu’s voice interrupted him as he flipped the pages.

After a two-second pause, he simply threw his phone aside and looked at her with a faint smile.

“You call me Brother Xunzhou when you need me. Then it’s Mr. Huo when you don’t.”

Nan Mu was right; women were that heartless.

Li Mo, who was walking down the stairs, happened to hear Huo Xunzhou’s words.

He immediately shrank back in fear and hid at the top of the stairs like a thief. Then, he stuck his head out to look over.

Lin Shanchu was speechless.

It was the first time she heard Huo Xunzhou speak in such a weird tone.

He sounded a little angry.

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After Lin Shanchu carefully thought it over, she asked tentatively, “Are you angry?”

“Why should I be angry?” Huo Xunzhou snorted. “What’s there to be angry about?”

Lin Shanchu said, “I...”

“Seek out Nan Mu if you need help with anything,” Huo Xunzhou interjected coldly.

Lin Shanchu always had a good temper. However, since Huo Xunzhou kept interrupting her, it caused her temper to flare and her voice to rise tremendously.

“Can’t you let me finish speaking?”

Li Mo, who was hiding at the top of the stairs, thought, “Woah! They’re arguing right now!”

It turned out that Ms. Lin also had a temper.

This was the first time Huo Xunzhou had heard Lin Shanchu speak so loudly.

He stared at Lin Shanchu for a moment. When he turned his head away and averted his gaze from her, there was a trace of indiscernable panic in his actions.

“Sure.”

He wasn't actually angry just now.

On the contrary, it was the same as the last time she called him crazy. He thought that Lin Shanchu was quite cute whenever she was angry.

Li Mo, who waited for the drama to erupt, thought, "Wait, what?"

He was very disappointed, thinking that he would be able to see the two of them quarrel.

"I want to let Lu Shiyuan know when I join the production crew tomorrow."

Smart people could always quickly analyze more information from a simple sentence.

"That's very risky." Huo Xunzhou frowned.

He had seen how Lu Shiyuan treated Lin Shanchu.

If anything were to go wrong during the process which might lead to Lin Shanchu getting caught by Lu Shiyuan on her way to the shooting location, she would still suffer from physical harm even though she could still join the production crew in the end.

"As long as I can achieve my goal, risks like this are nothing." Lin Shanchu smiled indifferently as if she was talking about a normal thing.

She didn't care that she would get hurt.

She seemed to have no attachment to this world.

Her ultimate goal in life was to destroy Lu Shiyuan.

Under the calm and gentle face was a soul that was on the brink of insanity.

"I'll get Li Mo to drive you there."

Huo Xunzhou realized what he had said and sighed silently in his heart.

He felt that he was not a good person.

Every time he saw her like this, he couldn't help but feel bad for her.

Maybe it was because she was Madam Ning's daughter.

"It's fine. Li Mo had his picture taken in the past. Everyone knows that he's your subordinate." This was her own business. There was no need to drag Huo Xunzhou into it.

Huo Xunzhou wanted to say, "It's fine."

However, as the words were about to come out of his mouth, he suddenly remembered what he had said to her a long time ago.

"I didn't help you with anything, and no one can help you except yourself."

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Lin Shanchu seemed to have fully absorbed his words back then.

She didn't trouble others ever since.

She no longer sought help.

For the first time, he tasted a hint of regret.

He should not have said such cold words to her when he knew that she was in a difficult situation.

In this world, who could guarantee that they would never accept help from others?

"I'll go prepare the things I need to take with me tomorrow."

Lin Shanchu turned around and went upstairs.

When Li Mo saw Lin Shanchu coming up, he quickly retraced his steps, then turned around and went downstairs as a pretense to have bumped into Lin Shanchu.

"Ms. Lin."

Lin Shanchu smiled at him as a form of greeting.

When she returned to her room, she suddenly realized that she still didn't understand what Huo Xunzhou was angry about.

Downstairs.

"Big Brother."

Li Mo, who had been eavesdropping at the corner, looked even more serious than usual because he felt too guilty.

This was a habit of his.

Once thoughts started occupying his mind, his expression would become more serious.

Huo Xunzhou did not even bother to expose him.

"Go and ask Lin Shanchu if she still needs anything. Take her out to purchase whatever she needs."

"Oh, okay."

Li Mo felt that he had witnessed something incredible again.

Fights were only fights. In the end, Huo Xunzhou still cared about Ms. Lin.

He had only taken two steps when Huo Xunzhou called out to him.

"Li Mo."

Li Mo walked back and stood still.

Huo Xunzhou's expression was a little uneasy. "Don't tell her that I told you to ask that question."

“Understood,” Li Mo replied excitedly.

Huo Xunzhou was throwing a mini tantrum the whole time.

It was so interesting to watch other people fall in love!

He quickly went upstairs and knocked on Lin Shanchu’s door.

“Ms. Lin, do you still lack anything? I can drive you to get the things you need!”

“I’ve bought everything I need online over the past few days. Thank you.”

Li Mo left in disappointment.

Lin Shanchu stood by the door and watched Li Mo go to Huo Xunzhou’s study thoughtfully.

Then, she turned around and went downstairs to the kitchen.

When she came out of the kitchen with a glass of water, she saw Li Mo’s back as he left in a hurry.

Li Mo had been sent out on an errand by Huo Xunzhou again.

Lin Shanchu walked to Huo Xunzhou’s door and knocked on it with one hand.

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“Come in.”

Huo Xunzhou thought that Li Mo had returned, so he did not look up when he heard the door open.

“What’s the matter now?” he asked impatiently.

He raised his head when he heard the difference in the footsteps.

Lin Shanchu lowered her eyes.

After placing the water glass in front of him, she took two steps back to keep a distance from him. “Thank you,” she said.

Although Li Mo was warm to her, he was not warm to the point of caring for her.

She knew that Huo Xunzhou had sent Li Mo to ask her if she wanted to go out and buy something.

Huo Xunzhou, who had been exposed by Lin Shanchu, took the water with a complicated expression.

Women were not only ruthless, but they were also extremely smart.

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The next day.

Lin Shanchu got up early and made breakfast.

She kept two portions in the refrigerator.

After finishing her breakfast, she went upstairs to get her things.

She had already packed her things last night.

It was just that it was too inconvenient to carry such a big case of money now.

Previously, she had asked Lu Shiyuan for cash because she was worried that Lu Shiyuan would find the digital traces left by her bank card.

She didn't plan to hide anymore, so she thought about saving the money in her account.

Lin Shanchu was deep in thought. When she walked to the elevator, she realized that Huo Xunzhou was also there.

"Are you leaving now?" Huo Xunzhou glanced at the case in her hand.

"Yes." Lin Shanchu noticed his gaze and explained, "I want to deposit the money into my account."

Huo Xunzhou nodded slightly and did not say anything.

The two of them entered the elevator.

The cramped space was filled with the man's unique and cold aura.

It was invisible, but it was filled with a sense of oppression.

Fortunately, they only came down from the second floor, so the elevator door opened very quickly.

Li Mo went downstairs before Huo Xunzhou. By then, he had already heated up the breakfast and placed it on the table.

He walked out when he heard the commotion outside.

"Ms. Lin, I thought you had already left."

"I'm leaving right now."

Lin Shanchu's gaze shifted from Li Mo to Huo Xunzhou. "Thank you for taking care of me during this period of time."

Huo Xunzhou glanced at her indifferently and went to the dining room.

Li Mo was a little confused.

Why didn't he send Ms. Lin off?

"The car I booked has arrived. I'll be leaving first." Lin Shanchu left with her luggage.

Li Mo returned to the dining room.

He saw Huo Xunzhou eating breakfast.

"Big Brother, Ms. Lin has just left."

Huo Xunzhou didn't say anything. He started picking up his speed, though he still ate elegantly.

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How could he still eat at this time?

Then, Li Mo saw Huo Xunzhou finish his breakfast unusually quickly.

Huo Xunzhou stood up and pushed his wheelchair out with one hand.

When he passed by Li Mo, Huo Xunzhou turned to look at him. “Didn’t you want me to send her off? Let’s go, then.”

Li Mo took half a second to react before he caught up with Huo Xunzhou. “I haven’t had breakfast yet!”

“I’ve already eaten,” Huo Xunzhou replied.

Li Mo was speechless.

Whatever. It wasn’t Huo Xunzhou’s first time being inhuman.

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When Li Mo drove out of the villa area, Lin Shanchu just got into the car and left.

“Ms. Lin is already in the car,” Li Mo reported.

“Follow her,” Huo Xunzhou said.

Li Mo was speechless.

So when he said ‘send her off’, he meant to follow behind the car.

Lin Shanchu got off the car halfway to deposit the money.

The bank had just opened.

Soon, she was able to deposit the money into her account.

After getting in the car, she saw Nan Mu’s WeChat message.

[The reporters will be here soon.]

Lin Shanchu replied, [Okay.]

Lin Shanchu immediately posted the location on her WeChat moment page.

Lu Shiyuan had been looking for her all week.

As soon as he saw Lin Shanchu’s latest moment, he was like a hungry wolf that had seen meat. He brought his men and chased after her.

Lu Shiyuan caught up with Lin Shanchu’s car when they were three kilometers away from the filming location of the production crew.

Lu Shiyuan deliberately stopped the car and tried to force Lin Shanchu to stop.

When the driver saw Lu Shiyuan’s car logo, he didn’t dare to crash into it at all since it was a luxury car. He was so scared that he stopped by the side of the road.

Lu Shiyuan was about to drive to the front to block their way.

However, a black car whizzed over and squeezed between Lin Shanchu and Lu Shiyuan’s cars.



Lu Shiyuan was stuck in the corner and could not even open the car door.

Lin Shanchu saw this and quickly urged, "Sir, let's go."

When the driver saw that the other car was also a luxury car, he was afraid of getting into trouble, so he quickly started the car and left.

Lu Shiyuan was stuck in the corner and could only watch Lin Shanchu's car leave.

The black car next to them lowered its window. Lu Shiyuan saw that the person inside was Li Mo and gritted his teeth in hatred. "You again!"

"I'm sorry, President Lu. I didn't eat breakfast and drove the wrong way."

After Li Mo said this in all seriousness, he wound up the window and turned to leave.

He came and went in a hurry, as if he had really driven the wrong way.

Lu Shiyuan naturally did not believe Li Mo's words.

He knew that Li Mo was Huo Xunzhou's subordinate.

However, he could not be bothered to find trouble with Huo Xunzhou at this time. The most important thing was to capture Lin Shanchu.

Lin Shanchu!

Don't even think about escaping!

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Lin Shanchu's car drove to the entrance of 'My Stage'.

She got out of the car and looked outside.

Young and beautiful girls stood in groups at the entrance. Nan Mu, who was surrounded by the girls, was very eye-catching, and there were already photographers carrying their cameras and taking pictures of them.

Although Nan Mu was surrounded by the girls asking him all sorts of questions, he had been paying attention to the situation at the intersection.

He saw Lin Shanchu get out of the car and pretended to be surprised. "Look! Someone's coming over!"

Some lively girls started waving at Lin Shanchu before they even saw her.

"Hello!"

"Do you need help carrying things?"

The girls ran over like a swarm of bees. When they saw that it was Lin Shanchu, they all showed surprised expressions.

There was a moment of silence.

Lin Shanchu held her luggage with one hand and greeted with a smile, "Hello."

The girls seemed to have come back to their senses and greeted her one by one. After that, they started to whisper.

"I think it's that Lin Shanchu."

"She looks even more beautiful than in the livestream."

"She can't be here to participate in the show, right?"

"I don't think so. She's Lu Shiyuan's fiancée. Is there a need for her to participate in a talent show?"

Lin Shanchu looked at Nan Mu through the crowd.

Nan Mu raised his head slightly, indicating for her to look behind her.

Creak!

A car's emergency brakes screeched against the ground.

Lin Shanchu turned around and saw a group of black cars coming to a sudden stop at the intersection.

The car door opened and Lu Shiyuan got out with a gloomy expression. He fixed his gaze on Lin Shanchu.

Lin Shanchu, however, smiled uncharacteristically. "What are you doing here?"

There was a hint of delight in her surprised tone.

There was no trace of disguise.

Lu Shiyuan's eyes flashed with doubt.

At this moment, Nan Mu walked out from the crowd.

"President Lu and Ms. Lin sure are a loving couple! To think that you'd bring your bodyguards to escort Ms. Lin all the way just to participate in a talent show!"

A group of bodyguards got out of the car behind Lu Shiyuan.

However, he had specially brought them to catch Lin Shanchu.

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Lu Shiyuan had always been arrogant. From the moment he got out of the car, he only had eyes for Lin Shanchu and did not notice anyone else.

He glanced coldly at Nan Mu, his eyes full of disdain. He had no respect for Nan Mu at all.

However, in the next moment.

A group of reporters swarmed up from behind him and surrounded him.

"President Lu, did you especially escort Ms. Lin to the show?"

"What's your opinion on Ms. Lin's participation in this show?"

“Do you have any plans to marry Ms. Lin in the next few years?”

“Ms. Lin, are you going to take the idol route?”

It all happened so fast that the bodyguards behind Lu Shiyuan didn't have time to react.

Lu Shiyuan would usually bring bodyguards with him when he went out. Even if there were paparazzi following him, the bodyguards would stop him immediately.

He had never encountered such a situation where he was surrounded by reporters and had no way out.

The bodyguard finally reacted.

They quickly stepped forward and pushed the reporters away.

The reporters turned around and handed the microphone to Lin Shanchu as if they had made an appointment in advance.

“Ms. Lin, if you wanted to be an idol, why didn't you participate in President Lu's show?”

“Is it because there's a problem with your relationship?”

“It's been rumored that your relationship with CEO Lu has gone downhill. Do you have any response to this?”

“Ms. Lin, you haven't had any livestreams recently. Are you preparing to participate in ‘My Stage’?”

“What does President Lu think about you joining ‘My Stage’?”

Lin Shanchu was surrounded by reporters, but she calmly answered their questions one by one.

“I'm not participating in any of the Lu Corporation's shows. I'm only here on ‘My Stage’ to prove myself.”

“Our relationship is very stable. Otherwise, we would have canceled the engagement a long time ago, right?”

“I discussed this with him in advance, and he respects my opinions a lot...”

When Lin Shanchu said this, she looked at Lu Shiyuan with a gentle gaze. “We've already agreed that I'll come here on my own today. I didn't expect him to bring his guys here to send me off.”

Lu Shiyuan couldn't help but be stunned by her affectionate eyes.

When Lin Shanchu was very young, a director said that she was born to perform.

The scene of the two of them looking at each other affectionately across the air was also photographed by someone.

When she walked over to Lu Shiyuan, he was still in a daze.

Under the watchful eyes of the crowd, Lin Shanchu walked toward Lu Shiyuan.

“Don't worry about me. I'll take good care of myself. You have to take good care of yourself too. You should hurry up and go back now.”

Lu Shiyuan suddenly came back to his senses and reached out to grab Lin Shanchu, who was about to turn and leave, but Nan Mu held his hand instead.

“Hello, President Lu! I’ve heard a lot about you! Do you have time for a chat?”

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Lin Shanchu had already walked far away by then. She even turned back and smiled at him.

The girls who were watching from the side were all cheering softly.

“Oh my god! Their romance is so cute!”

“President Lu pampers Lin Shanchu too much!”

“I can dream about this scene tonight!”

“Their relationship is really amazing!”

Lu Shiyuan cared about his pride the most.

Lin Shanchu was certain that he couldn’t possibly take her away in front of so many people, so she deliberately staged the whole thing.

The truth was precisely that.

Lu Shiyuan could only watch as Lin Shanchu entered the studio of ‘My Stage’.

Ignoring Lu Shiyuan’s cold expression, Nan Mu smiled and suggested, ““Let’s chat in the car?””

Lu Shiyuan knew that ‘My Stage’ was a show funded by Tian Zhou Media.

Lin Shanchu must have signed the contract with Nan Mu.

Lu Shiyuan turned around and walked into the car.

Nan Mu followed.

As soon as he got into the car, he heard Lu Shiyuan state coldly, “I want Lin Shanchu to leave the show. You can name your conditions.”

His confident and arrogant tone didn’t sound like he was negotiating with Nan Mu. He was giving an order.

Although Huo Xunzhou always thought he was stupid, he had never spoken to him in such a tone.

Lu Shiyuan really didn’t even know the basic respect between people.

“Aren’t you going to ask for Ms. Lin’s opinion?” Nan Mu sneered.

“She doesn’t need to have an opinion,” Lu Shiyuan said impatiently.

“Alright then! Since we’re all in the same industry and we’ll see each other often, I won’t ask for any conditions as long as you pay the penalty for breaching the contract.”

Nan Mu’s expression turned cold as well. He took out a copy of the contract that he had prepared in advance.

Lu Shiyuan didn’t even look at the contract. “Just contact my lawyer.”

“Sure!” Nan Mu laughed in anger.

He had never dealt with Lu Shiyuan before.

He only heard that Lu Shiyuan was arrogant and looked down on everyone.

Now, he had finally experienced it.

No wonder Lin Shanchu, his fiancée, wanted to mess with him!

After getting out of the car, Nan Mu called the marketing department directly.

“Is it on the trending list? Keep boosting the popularity with money! You can spend as much money as you want! Money is all I have, after all!”

At the same time.

A topic named #Lu Shiyuan thoughtfully escorted his fiancée, Lin Shanchu, to participate in ‘My Stage’ shot up to the top of the trending list like a rocket.

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Lin Shanchu was waiting in the studio.

She found herself a seat in the corner and sat down. Then, she took out her phone to scroll through Weibo.

She suddenly saw the top trending search:

#Lu Shiyuan thoughtfully escorted his fiancée, Lin Shanchu, to participate in ‘My Stage’

Lin Shanchu’s lips curved up slightly and clicked on it.

Lu Shiyuan had delivered himself to her doorstep, so it would be a waste not to take advantage of the popularity.

She had given everything to him for so many years, but he went on and helped Tang Qidai become famous.

Now, it was his turn to shine for his fiancée.

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In the past, Tang Qidai had always been the one showing up on the trending list with Lu Shiyuan to show off their ‘friendship’.

This was the first time Lu Shiyuan and Lin Shanchu had ‘publicly displayed their love’ together on the trending list.

Although Lu Shiyuan was a businessman, he was also a celebrity in the industry.

Who could control themselves from not reading the gossip regarding a celebrity?

Anyone who clicked on the trending list couldn’t help but take a look.

The comments underneath the topic were extraordinarily lively.

[Lu Shiyuan and Lin Shanchu got onto the trending list together?! I thought I was mistaken, so I went out to take a look again! Sure enough, they're the ones!]

[I used to think that Lu Shiyuan was forced to get engaged to Lin Shanchu, but after seeing the picture of the two of them looking at each other, I believe that they are truly in love.]

[He brought so many bodyguards just to escort her secretly. Is this the tale of romance between a fairy and a CEO? I'm crying right now.]

[Can someone tell me what kind of show 'My Stage' is? Are all the girls on this show as good-looking as Lin Shanchu? I can't help but cry out of envy!]

[I think it's a talent show invested in by Huo Xunzhou's former manager. I don't think the show's started broadcasting yet.]

Everyone's discussion gradually shifted to 'My Stage' and Lin Shanchu.

Of course, whenever Lu Shiyuan and Lin Shanchu appeared, Tang Qidai would definitely be mentioned.

[The treatment of a real fiancée and a 'good friend' is different.]

[Can you not mention that killjoy of a woman underneath the topic of the engaged couple's love for each other?]

[Just wait and see. Tang Qidai is on her way to ride on the popularity.]

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By the time Tang Qidai found out about this hot topic, it had already gone viral.

Thanks to the picture of Lin Shanchu and Lu Shiyuan looking at each other affectionately, they attracted a lot of fans who loved their relationship. Lin Shanchu's Weibo fans also continued to increase.

Tang Qidai muttered to herself in disbelief, "How did this happen?"

Didn't they agree that they were going to lock Lin Shanchu up in an asylum?

Why was Lu Shiyuan still escorting Lin Shanchu to the show?

Not only did it make it to the trending list, but it also went viral!

She had appeared on the trending list with Lu Shiyuan so many times, but the topics never went viral.

That b\*tch really stole the limelight this time!

"Sister Dai, everything is ready over there. You..."

The assistant came in and urged her to go for the shoot. Tang Qidai was still in a fit of anger, so she turned around and shouted at her, "Get lost!"

The assistant cried as she went out to look for her manager.

Her manager came in and saw her staring at her phone with a gloomy face. She advised her, “Daidai, don’t mess around.”

Tang Qidai was so angry that she directed all her anger at her manager.

“Look at how those motherless maggots are laughing at me on Weibo!

“Am I supposed to just watch that b\*tch Lin Shanchu snatch Brother Shiyuan away?!

“Will Lin Shanchu, the b\*tch who jinxed her parents to death, only know her place when she’s dead?!”

Tang Qidai was pacing back and forth in frustration and anger, her carefully styled hair now in a mess due to her pulling at it.

The manager seemed to be used to it as she stood silently at the side and listened to her increasingly excessive abuse.

She was the only one who knew that Tang Qidai, who used the persona of a rich young lady, was actually a hot-tempered and jealous maniac.

The manager only spoke up after Tang Qidai was done ranting.

“Now, no matter if you reply or not, those netizens will come and laugh at you. You might as well make a direct post on Weibo about it. At least you can get some popularity. As for Lin Shanchu, she’s going to participate in ‘My Stage’ and won’t be in contact with the outside world for three months. We have plenty of ways to deal with her outside.”

Tang Qidai’s expression gradually returned to normal. “Then I’ll let her have her moment for a couple of days!”

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Tang Qidai made a Weibo post with this topic in mind.

Tang Qidai: [ #Lu Shiyuan thoughtfully escorted his fiancée, Lin Shanchu, to participate in ‘My Stage’ Oh my god, Shanshan and Brother Shiyuan are a perfect match! #blessing]

The netizens who had previously ridiculed her quickly rushed over.

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[Oho! Whoever predicted this is godly! Sure enough, she’s here to ride on the popularity.]

Tang Qidai’s fans quickly came over to defend her.

[Daidai is beautiful and kind. She specifically posted on Weibo to give her blessings to her good friends.]

[She’s just trying to give her well wishes to her good friends on Weibo. This doesn’t mean she’s riding on the popularity.]

Lin Shanchu and Lu Shiyuan’s newly-gained relationship fans entered the fray.

[You keep saying that they’re good friends. Has Lin Shanchu ever admitted that she’s good friends with your idol?]

[Tang Qidai has posted this for a long time, but Lin Shanchu didn’t even react to it with a like. Don’t you guys have any idea what’s really going on?]

[Lin Shanchu is unlucky to have such a ‘good friend’!]

In the relationship between the three of them, other than Tang Qidai's die-hard fans who empathized with her, the others did not fall for the so-called 'good friends' trope.

Tang Qidai's fan: [Lin Shanchu is participating in 'My Stage' today, so she has no time to browse through her phone. She and Daidai are good friends. They have a very good relationship. There is no need for us fans to quarrel like this and let others see us as a joke.]

What a coincidence.

Lin Shanchu, who supposedly had no time to browse through her phone, was madly scrolling through Weibo.

She finally understood why Tang Qidai always dragged Lu Shiyuan onto the trending list to gain popularity.

Looking at the increasing number of fans, Lin Shanchu sighed on the inside. "This is amazing!"

When she saw the posts of her relationship fans and Tang Qidai, she went straight to the main page and liked the comment of a verified account who praised her beauty.

The relationship fans quickly took a screenshot of the interaction and slapped Tang Qidai's fans in the face with it.

[It's true that our pretty sister doesn't have time to play with her phone. She only has enough time to like an internet celebrity's post. Anyway, she doesn't have the time to react to the post of a certain 'good friend'.]

Now that Tang Qidai's fans were humiliated, they started to bash Lin Shanchu angrily.

But this time, the netizens were all on Lin Shanchu's side.

[Who gave you the right to criticize the loving relationship between the fairy and the CEO?]

Lin Shanchu quietly exited Weibo after reaping the fame.

Just then, Nan Mu's phone call came in.

"Lu Shiyuan has already left. That idiot... Ahem, I mean Lu Shiyuan didn't even look at the contract. He just said that he wanted to pay the penalty for breaching the contract straight away and make you leave the production crew."

Nan Mu was unable to hold back for a moment. Since he kept thinking that Lu Shiyuan was an idiot, he couldn't help but say it out loud.

Lin Shanchu heard the words clearly and agreed with Nan Mu. "It's true that he's an idiot."

"Huh?"

He did not expect that Lin Shanchu, who looked so polite and cultured, was capable of cursing.

Lin Shanchu was just about to speak when a new call came in.

When she saw the caller ID, she smiled. "Lu Shiyuan is calling me right now. Let me answer it first."



Hearing this, Nan Mu's tone became excited.

"Then he must have found out about the 10 billion dollar penalty. You should take the call first, I'm hanging up now."

That was close.

He almost said the word 'idiot' again.

Lin Shanchu had been in contact with Nan Mu for a few days. She knew that he was a charismatic and cautious person.

He must have been very angry with Lu Shiyuan, so he couldn't help but call him an idiot whenever he was mentioned.

As soon as the call was connected, Lu Shiyuan's flustered and exasperated voice was heard.

"10 billion?! Lin Shanchu! How dare you collude with others to set me up!"

Lin Shanchu's tone was very calm. "Are you saying you can't afford to pay the penalty?"

"You..." Lu Shiyuan choked for a moment.

Even if the Lu Corporation's market value was 100 billion dollars, he would not be able to fork out 10 billion dollars in liquid capital.

"You can't even afford the 10 billion dollar penalty, and yet you still have the face to call me?" Lin Shanchu smiled contemptuously before hanging up the phone.

Lu Shiyuan only came back to his senses after being ridiculed by her for a long time.

After he regained his senses, he called Lin Shanchu relentlessly like a maniac.

In the end, Lin Shanchu turned off her phone.

He then called Nan Mu.

"President Lu, have you prepared the penalty fees?" Nan Mu asked.

Still pissed off, Lu Shiyuan replied darkly, "Nan Mu, you've been a manager for so many years. You should know that the amount of liquidated damages written in the contract you signed with Lin Shanchu is against the rules!"

"It's a little too much, but..." Nan Mu's tone was filled with approval. After a slight pause, he suddenly changed the topic. "You can always sue us!"

"Oh wait, Ms. Lin was the one who signed this contract. She'll have to be the one to sue us, right?"

Nan Mu's tone became regretful. "Hurry up and persuade Ms. Lin to sue us. We've hired Chu Gushen as our lawyer. Call me when you're ready, President Lu. I'm very busy with the show."

Lu Shiyuan didn't have a chance to speak at all as he was bombarded by Nan Mu's words.

By the time he reacted, Nan Mu had already hung up the phone.

He was so angry that he smashed his phone on the spot.

On the other side, Nan Mu, who had just hung up the phone, felt refreshed.

Finally, he was able to vent his anger.

The thought of Lu Shiyuan's situation that made him both furious and helpless at the same time made Nan Mu so happy that he wanted to host a banquet for three days straight at Yong Shui Pavilion.

Nan Mu hummed a little tune as he called Huo Xunzhou to report the situation.

"Xunzhou, let me tell you this..."

"I already know everything."

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Lin Shanchu had told him before that she wanted to inform Lu Shiyuan when she was participating in the show. Huo Xunzhou had already guessed her purpose.

Lin Shanchu had signed the 10 billion dollar penalty contract early in the morning to set a trap for Lu Shiyuan.

Lu Shiyuan was arrogant and conceited. He probably didn't think that his fiancée, who had always been so weak that she couldn't take care of herself, could carefully plan such a complete trap.

He even let Lin Shanchu and 'My Stage' ride on his popularity for nothing.

In this game, Lin Shanchu and Nan Mu were the final winners.

Nan Mu chuckled. "Xunzhou, I think Lin Shanchu isn't a simple girl. She's determined to screw with Lu Shiyuan. I really want to sign her to our company."

Huo Xunzhou was silent for a while before he coldly said, "Screw?"

Nan Mu was speechless. Was that the main point?

"Okay. Fine. I'll put it another way. I think Lin Shanchu really wants to deal with Lu Shiyuan. I think we have the same goal! That's why I want to sign Lin Shanchu to our company. Do you think that's okay?"

"Have you thought of the consequences?" Huo Xunzhou's tone was much better than before.

Signing Lin Shanchu would be the same as making Lu Shiyuan an enemy.

Nan Mu explained, "Lu Shiyuan has been dominating this circle for a long time. Everyone else has been suffering because of him. Others may be afraid of him, but I'm not!"

After he shouted the slogan passionately, he continued, "I definitely can't handle him alone, but I still have you, don't I?"

Huo Xunzhou's tone was still nonchalant. "Do whatever you want."

Nan Mu said excitedly, "So you agree, then? I'll start making arrangements right away!"

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Lin Shanchu and Lu Shiyuan's hot topic went viral.

This directly led to the continued rise in popularity of Lin Shanchu and 'My Stage'.

Lin Shanchu's name became the top most searched keyword on the real-time search list for celebrities.

The number of searches for 'My Stage' also completely surpassed that of the other shows in the same period.

The production crew wanted to strike while the iron was hot, so they decided to broadcast the members' first gathering.

As it was a last-minute decision, they weren't left with much time. The members quickly touched up their makeup in the waiting room.

The students who were already acquainted with one another did makeup for each other.

Lin Shanchu did not know anyone, so she touched up her own makeup.

Just as she was about to put away her compact mirror, she heard a cool female voice from the side.

"Hey!"

Lin Shanchu looked up.

A girl with shoulder-length hair looked at Lin Shanchu expressionlessly.

She looked pretty cool.

The premise was that one had to ignore the eyebrows of different lengths and the blush that was as red as a baboon's butt coating her cheeks.

The girl looked at Lin Shanchu. "Can you help me with my makeup?"

Although she was asking for help, her tone did not sound like she was begging for help at all.

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Even so, Lin Shanchu did not feel the slightest bit of discomfort from being offended.

Lin Shanchu held back her laughter and responded, "Sure thing."

When the girl got the answer, she took her chair to Lin Shanchu and sat down face to face.

Lin Shanchu took out the makeup remover from her bag. "I'll have to remove your makeup first."

The girl raised her head and closed her eyes. She had a calm expression that said 'you can do whatever you want'.

She suddenly remembered that she hadn't introduced herself, so she said, "My name is Yun Wu."

This name sounded a little familiar.

Lin Shanchu was about to say her own name, but Yun Wu beat her to it. "You're Lin Shanchu. I know you."

Lin Shanchu paused and asked, "Why did you ask me to help you with your makeup?"

There were more than 90 people in the room. Yun Wu could have chosen someone else to help her with her makeup.

“If I ask someone else for help, they might be jealous of my beauty and deliberately make me look ugly,” Yun Wu replied. “But you won’t do that.”

“Huh?”

“That’s because you’re more beautiful than me,” replied Yun Wu.

Although Lin Shanchu felt that something was wrong, she could tell that Yun Wu was complimenting her beauty.

“Thank you,” she said.

While the two of them were talking, Lin Shanchu had already finished removing her makeup.

“Can I open my eyes now?” Yun Wu asked with a frown.

“Sure,” Lin Shanchu replied.

Yun Wu opened her eyes. Lin Shanchu realized that she also had a pair of alluring eyes.

Yun Wu studied her face. Her eyes stopped on her thick and long eyelashes. “Did you put on fake eyelashes?”

“No, I didn’t,”

“Oh.”

Lin Shanchu started to do Yun Wu’s makeup.

She stared at Yun Wu’s face. The more she looked at him, the more familiar she looked.

Lin Shanchu could not help but ask, “Have we met before?”

“Nope.”

Seeing Lin Shanchu’s confused expression, Yun Wu explained coldly, “I was able to recite a literature named ‘Chu Shi Biao’ from memory when I was three years old. I have a very good memory.”

Lin Shanchu praised, “You’re amazing.”

“It’s nothing.” Yun Wu raised her chin slightly in a proud manner, making her look a little childish.

Lin Shanchu thought she was a little cute.

At this moment, an idea flashed in her mind.

She remembered who Yun Wu was.

That was Huo Xunzhou’s rumored girlfriend in the original novel.

In the original novel, Lin Shanchu had never interacted with Huo Xunzhou.

It was only when the finale was about to come that she accidentally read the rumors of Huo Yunzhou and Yun Wu's relationship.

That was the only scandal Huo Xunzhou had.

Lin Shanchu was not clear about the follow-up of this incident. She only remembered that Huo Xunzhou did not appear to clarify.

However, didn't the system say that Huo Xunzhou had no love line?

Lin Shanchu finally remembered the stupid system that she had blocked.

Lin Shanchu called out to the system in her mind. "Hey idiot, come out for a moment."

The system, which had been restarted, was extremely touched. [Host, you finally remembered my existence!]

Lin Shanchu asked, "Are Yun Wu and Huo Xunzhou an official match?"

The system searched for a while. [There are spoilers involved. I have no right to view them.]

Lin Shanchu was speechless. As expected, she shouldn't have had any expectations from this useless system.

Lin Shanchu was multitasking and was a little distracted when talking to the system in her mind. She gradually stopped applying makeup on Yun Wu, but her eyes were still staring at her.

After getting stared at like this for a long time, Yun Wu uncomfortably stroked her hair and asked in an awkward tone, "Am I that pretty?"

Lin Shanchu suddenly came back to her senses and laughed. "Yup."

Yun Wu wasn't the kind of person who would stun others at first glance.

She had the confidence that ordinary people couldn't have. She was full of energy, and it was hard for people not to be attracted to her unique charm.

Yun Wu brushed a few locks behind her ear, already sounding more awkward. "If you want to stare at a beautiful woman, you can always look at yourself in the mirror. Hurry up and help me with my makeup. The others are done."

Lin Shanchu put on makeup that screamed cool and nihilistic in accordance with Yun Wu's temperament.

Yun Wu took a mirror and looked at herself. She stared at Lin Shanchu in disbelief.

"Do you not like it?" Lin Shanchu asked.

"I like it," Yun Wu muttered.

She looked at Lin Shanchu's beautiful and slender hands.

Were this woman's hands filled with magic?

Her own beauty made her want to tear up.

At this moment, a staff member came over.

“Are the members ready? Come over and get ready for the livestream.”

The members stood in an orderly manner.

Lin Shanchu and Yun Wu were arranged to be at the end of the line.

As soon as the livestream started, many netizens came in from the trending list.

[I’m here to look at pretty girls.]

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[Is there anyone else who’s here for Lin Shanchu other than me?]

[I’m here for Qiao Jiayi.]

[Jiayi, we’re here!]

[I just followed the trending list. I heard that this show features many pretty girls.]

The host stepped forward.

Hello, everyone. This is the first online gathering for the members of ‘My Stage’. Next, we will be meeting all 99 members of this show. You can interact with the heart icon located on the lower left corner if you see a member that you like. After the livestream, the members who are ranked higher on the heart list will be given an additional round to show off themselves...”

The members began to introduce themselves in order.

For the members who already had a fan base, their fans had already arrived at the live broadcast room to support them.

The director’s crew connected it to a big screen on the side so that everyone could see real-time images and the comments.

Everyone was staring at the big screen and whispering to each other from time to time.

It was already past lunch time. Lin Shanchu was terminally ill to begin with, so she was starting to feel uncomfortable.

She lowered her head, trying to relieve some of the discomfort in her body.

The system noticed her abnormality and asked, [Are you in pain again?]

“I’m just a little uncomfortable,” Lin Shanchu replied.

The system suggested, [I have cards that can relieve physical discomfort. You can get them by doing missions. ]

Lin Shanchu chuckled coldly. “By doing the kind of missions that involves Lu Shiyuan abusing me?”

The system was so guilty that its voice became softer. [You can also do other missions such as deepening the entanglement with the male lead.]

Lin Shanchu ignored it.

The system kept speaking in a small and humble tone. [Anyway, it's fine as long as you do something that's entangled with the male lead.]

“Okay,” Lin Shanchu replied lazily.

At this moment, Yun Wu, who was beside her, reached out and pushed her.

Lin Shanchu turned her head, and Yun Wu signaled her to look at the big screen.

“Someone is scolding you in the comments.”

She stated the truth in a flat tone.

The comments all wrote,

[Can Lin Shanchu sing or dance? What could she prove by coming to this show? Are you going to play dead on the stage?]

[The queen of tardiness in the entertainment industry is probably going to put on a show of standing everyone up on the spot.]

[Not only is she ugly, but she doesn't have any talents as well. She even took up a spot for nothing. How disgusting.]

[I'll come back to watch it again after Ugly Lin leaves this show. Goodbye.]

Lin Shanchu just scanned the screen before retracting her gaze. She lowered her head and closed her eyes to continue resting.

“Are you not angry?” asked Yun Wu.

Lin Shanchu replied in an indifferent tone, “If I get angry whenever I see people scolding me, I'd have died a long time ago.”

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“You're quite strong,” Yun Wu said to her with a serious face.

“Thanks.” Lin Shanchu finally understood that the way Yun Wu praised people was really different.

In the time that followed, Yun Wu would speak to Lin Shanchu from time to time.

Lin Shanchu was not feeling well, so she did not have the strength to respond toward the end.

She really didn't expect that Yun Wu, who looked cold and aloof, was actually a chatterbox.

Yun Wu didn't mind the silence. She continued mumbling to herself the whole time.

“Is this girl's hair blue? I also want to dye mine to that color.”

“Why are your eyelashes so well-structured?”

“She's so skinny. Doesn't she usually eat? ”

“I'm hungry.”

“Aren't you hungry?” Yun Wu asked Lin Shanchu while rubbing her stomach.

Lin Shanchu responded, “I am.”

“It’ll be our turn soon,” Yun Wu said comfortingly.

Lin Shanchu slowly recovered. When she raised her head, it was Yun Wu’s turn.

When Yun Wu went up, she saw the comments cursing Lin Shanchu on the big screen.

She frowned and blurted out, “Why are you still calling Lin Shanchu ugly? Is this something you can say with a conscience?”

“Please start your self-introduction,” the host reminded.

Another comment flew across the screen, claiming that Lin Shanchu was only able to play the role of dead people.

Yun Wu retorted, “So what if the role is of a corpse? Not everyone can play that kind of role.”

The host was speechless.

Just like that, Yun Wu spent that precious minute attacking the commentators.

The production crew and the other members were shocked by her actions.

The comments that ensued were...

[I’m dying of laughter. This girl sure is fierce.]

[Hey sister, there are only 20 seconds left. Hurry up and introduce yourself.]

[What a brave girl! I’ve become a fan of yours! The problem is, what exactly is your name?!]

[Hahaha! Does anyone know which company does this girl belong to?]

When the minute was up, the host immediately stepped forward. “Time’s up. Please welcome the last member.”

The last member was Lin Shanchu.

As soon as she appeared in front of the camera, the number of people in the live broadcast room instantly soared.

Lin Shanchu stepped forward and bowed.

“Hello, everyone. The 98th member who said that not everyone can act the role of a corpse well is named Yun Wu. She is an individual member. To those who like her, please hurry up and interact with her heart sign.”



The host's expression was complicated.

This batch of members was really hard to lead.

Yun Wu's minute was used to speak up for Lin Shanchu.

Lin Shanchu's minute was used to introduce Yun Wu.

The comments responded,

[A fairy will always remain as a fairy. Lin Shanchu is so beautiful that people can't take their eyes off her.]

[This show is quite interesting! I'll remember who Yun Wu is.]

[What kind of iron-like bond do Yun Wu and Lin Shanchu have? It's a rare opportunity for the former to introduce herself, but she only cared about speaking up for Lin Shanchu.]

[The lilies of my hometown have bloomed again! Hehehe!]

[It's over already? Why haven't I seen Qiao Jiayi?]

The professional host kept talking while maintaining his usual expression. "Alright, now that the final member has made her appearance, next up will be the voting session for the heart list."

Among the 99 members present, only Lin Shanchu was relatively popular.

Therefore, her ranking on the heart list shot straight to the top.

The person who ranked first on the heart list would have an additional segment to showcase their talents.

The system asked her, [What talent are you going to perform later?]

Lin Shanchu was stumped.

She was just the female lead of a sadistic story.

The plot didn't need her to be versatile. It only needed her to be a hopeless romantic who was crazy about Lu Shiyuan.

She was just a beauty with no talent or skill.

The system seemed to have thought of something because it added, [Oh, you don't have any talents.]

"Shut up," Lin Shanchu gritted out.

The system instantly fell silent.

"There are only three minutes left," the host announced.

At this moment, another member's number on the heart list increased rapidly. It was showing signs of surpassing Lin Shanchu's rank.

The other members exclaimed in surprise.

"Woah! Who's that? Her popularity is growing very quickly! How amazing!"

"That's Yun Wu!"

The director's crew was also very good at causing trouble. They directly cut the frame to Lin Shanchu and Yun Wu.

The two of them were focused on the data on the heart list on the big screen, not noticing that the camera was on them now.

“Did someone hire bots to boost my ranking?”

Lin Shanchu commented, “Someone doesn't want me to become the winner of the heart list.”

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The comments filled the screen.

[Hahaha! Why are these two acting like they're in a comedic talkshow? I didn't expect Lin Shanchu to say such brutal things when she looks so gentle!]

[Does anyone know Yun Wu's background? She's a really brave girl who dares to say everything that comes to her mind.]

[The question is, who doesn't want Lin Shanchu to get first place on the heart list? That person must have been the one who employed bots just to boost Yun Wu's ranking!]

[The one who hired bots to create a stir in the rankings is too disgusting. That person's clearly trying to sow discord between Yun Wu and Lin Shanchu.]

[Am I the only one who noticed that the host's pupils were shaking?]

[Host: Please save me.]

It was too obvious that the bots were trying to mess with the rankings. With so many viewers watching in the live broadcast room, this matter could not be dealt with vaguely. Otherwise, it would affect the integrity of the show.

Now that things had developed to this point, the show's executive producer, Nan Mu, could only go on stage to deal with the situation.

“Hello, everyone. I'm Nan Mu, the executive producer of 'My Stage'. I just received news that there was an error in the rankings of the heart list. Our production crew prioritizes integrity a lot, so we've decided to cancel the winner's talent demonstration.”

Huo Xunzhou was too popular back then. He was very popular among people who didn't know him, which had a positive affect on Nan Mu's popularity as well.

He was the most suitable person to handle this matter.

The comments said,

[It's a pity, but I understand.]

[Actually, I kind of want to watch Lin Shanchu's talent demonstration.]

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The news of the heart list being hijacked by outsiders became a hot topic again.

The production crew had gained a lot of popularity once again. The happiest person was, of course, Nan Mu.

After the livestream ended, the staff had the members go have lunch. Nan Mu asked Lin Shanchu and Yun Wu to stay behind.

“Don’t worry, you two. The production crew will definitely investigate the truth behind the heart list incident.”

“Oh, is there anything else?” Yun Wu asked.

Nan Mu was speechless. “Not for now.”

“Then we’ll go have lunch,” Yun Wu decided.

After she finished speaking, she turned to Lin Shanchu and motioned for them to leave together.

Lin Shanchu looked at Nan Mu. “We’ll be leaving then.”

“Er... Wait for a moment.” Nan Mu called Lin Shanchu to the side.

“What’s the matter?”

“How long did you sign the contract with the Lu Corporation?”

If he wanted to sign with Lin Shanchu, he would have to make her terminate her contract with the Lu Corporation.

Lin Shanchu answered, “I didn’t sign any contracts with them.”

“Huh? You mean you didn’t sign a contract with the Lu Corporation?” Nan Mu looked at her in disbelief.

Lin Shanchu chuckled. “I didn’t sign with any management company.”

In fact, she had once taken the initiative to mention to Lu Shiyuan that she wanted to sign a contract with the Lu Corporation. However, Lu Shiyuan had rejected her with a look of disgust.

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Nan Mu was overjoyed. “That’s great! When the show is done recording, you can consider signing with our company. I still have something to do, so I’ll be leaving first!”

Lin Shanchu looked at Nan Mu’s back as he walked away. The corners of her mouth slowly rose.

After she was rejected by the Lu Corporation, she had thought about signing with other management companies.

However, Lu Shiyuan held so much power in Xu City that no company dared to sign with her.

And now, someone was finally willing to sign with her.

Although Huo Xunzhou had rejected her offer to work with him, being able to sign up for his company was the same.

She was one step closer to breaking away from Lu Shiyuan’s control.

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When Lin Shanchu and Yun Wu went to the cafeteria to eat, most of the students had already finished eating and left. Only a few people were still eating.

The two of them sat down facing each other.

Yun Wu ate two mouthfuls of rice and looked up at Lin Shanchu. “What are you smiling for?”

“I’m happy,” Lin Shanchu replied.

Yun Wu blinked. She seemed a little curious, but she didn’t ask anything.

Lin Shanchu’s appetite was bad. She put down her chopsticks after a few bites and basically did not touch her food.

“Are you not eating anymore?” Yun Wu stared at the untouched drumstick on her plate.

Lin Shanchu picked up the drumstick and handed it to Yun Wu wordlessly.

Yun Wu was stunned for a moment, but she quickly picked up her plate and received it.

After that, she picked up the drumstick and quickly took a bite, as if she was afraid that Lin Shanchu would go back on her word.

Very quickly, only the bones were left of the drumstick.

What a good appetite she had.

Lin Shanchu remembered the previous livestream and slowly uttered, “Thank you.”

“No need to thank me. I’m not trying to help you. I tend to say what I think.” Yun Wu didn’t even raise her head.

Lin Shanchu was a little envious of her carefree personality.

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In the afternoon, the production crew assigned the members to their dormitories.

The first assessment and evaluation stage was set to be in a week’s time.

The assessment stage would be prepared by the members themselves. The production crew would not interfere in any way. They would not take away their phones this week, so the members could still go online.

When everyone was choosing their dormitories, Lin Shanchu went straight to the room in the corner.

When she entered the room, she noticed that it was meant for two people.

Just as she put down her luggage, the door opened again.

Yun Wu walked in with her luggage in one hand and lay down on the other bed.

Lin Shanchu looked at her for a moment. Then, she started tidying up her things.

Yun Wu turned over and lay on the bed to look at her. “What kind of performance have you prepared for the assessment stage?”

Lin Shanchu thought for a moment. “Singing.”

She had actually learned to dance for a period of time when she was young.

However, she definitely couldn’t dance in her current condition.

Singing was relatively simple in comparison.

“Do you want to form a group and perform with me?” Yun Wu spoke very quickly. If it was not for the silence in the room, Lin Shanchu might not have heard what she said.

Lin Shanchu asked, “What performance are you doing, then?”

“Dancing,” said Yun Wu in a serious tone as she sat up.

Lin Shanchu also sat on her own bed while facing Yun Wu. “I can’t dance at all. What if I play dead instead?”

“You might as well take on the role of a vengeful ghost,” Yun Wu choked out.

Lin Shanchu was speechless.

Wow. She would be acting as a vengeful ghost instead of a corpse.

The two of them looked at each other in silence.

Lin Shanchu’s eyes were as calm as water. Yun Wu could feel chills down her spine.

Yun Wu could not help but straighten her back as if she was an elementary school student meeting face-to-face with the disciplinary teacher. “Have you heard of ‘Vengeful Ghost’? I composed a dance using this song. Do you want to try it out?”

‘Vengeful Ghost’ was the song that the genius composer, Bai Yu, made his debut with.

This song was about a person who had gone through so much suffering in his life. Having lost all hope, he finally fell into the deep abyss and became a vengeful ghost.

When this song was first released, it swept through the charts of various major music platforms.

Countless people made covers out of it.

Even now, it was still on the trending music list.

Lin Shanchu asked, “The assessment stage is very important. Aren’t you afraid that I’ll mess it up?”

“I believe you won’t mess it up.” Yun Wu raised her chin.

No one had ever trusted Lin Shanchu like this before.

Her heart, which was like still water, rippled slightly.

Lin Shanchu clenched her fingers and said firmly, “”Alright. I’ll give it a go.””

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The production crew acted very quickly.

That night, they found out the truth behind the heart list.

They even posted an announcement on Weibo.

My Stage: [Regarding the incident where the heart list of the 'My Stage' members who gathered for the first time got hijacked by outsiders, we have concluded our investigations and found out the truth. Also, we've informed the police...]

Everyone thought that this matter was over.

Some time past midnight, a topic named #Lin Shanchu is a big bully was pushed to the trending list.

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Under the topic, a large number of marketing accounts were dispatched.

[According to an insider, the cause of the heart list's ranking incident was because Lin Shanchu forced a member who had already signed the contract with the production crew to quit in order to participate in the show. This member's diehard fan couldn't take it lying down, so they decided to make Yun Wu the winner of the heart list...]

When Lin Shanchu got up, this topic had already reached the third place on the entertainment list.

The discussion rate was very high.

The marketing accounts made it sound like it was real, so a large number of netizens had already found Lin Shanchu's Weibo page just to scold her.

[Did you come to this show to prove that you have power and influence?]

[Ha! It's amazing to have a powerful and influential fiancé! She can easily destroy other people's dreams!]

[Return @Qiao Jiayi's dream to her!]

[Get the hell out of the production crew, Ugly Lin!]

[I almost became your fan when I saw you and Lu Shiyuan on the trending list yesterday. I didn't expect you to be this kind of person!]

Although the marketing accounts didn't explicitly say who the victim was, the netizens guessed that the so-called member who was forced to withdraw was Qiao Jiayi.

Lin Shanchu clicked into Qiao Jiayi's Weibo page.

She was an idol with millions of fans.

Lin Shanchu clicked on her picture, squinted her eyes slightly, and stared at it for a moment. Then, the corners of her lips curled up.

What a coincidence.

That was another acquaintance of hers.

She was Tang Qidai's cousin.

In the original novel, Qiao Jiayi tried her best to curry favor with Tang Qidai in order to sign into the Lu Corporation. She secretly seized the opportunity to help Tang Qidai deal with Lin Shanchu.

However, Tang Qidai didn't like Qiao Jiayi at all. She had no intention of letting her sign into the Lu Corporation.

Since Qiao Jiayi had evil intentions, naturally she had a bad ending.

"You're on the trending list again!"

Yun Wu came out of the bathroom with her phone.

"Lin Shanchu, how many enemies do you have?"

Lin Shanchu thought about it seriously for a moment. "Perhaps a few."

Compared to Lu Shiyuan and Tang Qidai, Qiao Jiayi's level was nothing.

"You really don't care at all?" Yun Wu asked after seeing her calm expression.

"I'll go make a call." Lin Shanchu did not answer the question.

She entered the bathroom, closed the door, and called Nan Mu.

As soon as the call was connected, Nan Mu spoke up before she could say anything. "I've seen the trending list. Don't worry, I've already gotten someone to deal with it."

Nan Mu used to be a manager, so he was very good at dealing with this kind of matter.

"Thank you." Lin Shanchu was naturally at ease.

"Don't be so polite." Nan Mu laughed.

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When Lin Shanchu and Yun Wu went to have breakfast, people looked at her strangely along the way.

The breakfast was a buffet.

Yun Wu loaded her plate full with dishes.

She ate while looking at her phone.

"Qiao Jiayi made a post on Weibo as well." She handed her phone to Lin Shanchu.

Lin Shanchu glanced at the contents of the Weibo.

Qiao Jiayi: [I'll keep marching forward bravely. All of my efforts won't be in vain.]

This Weibo post made the passers-by and fans feel even more distressed.

[Oh my god, you're so strong.]

[My heart aches for you. Sadly, us common folk can never fight back against the capitalists.]

[I really hate Lin Shanchu.]

[@Lin Shanchu, can you even sleep at night? Are you not afraid of being struck by lightning when you're walking outside?]

Lin Shanchu remembered it very clearly.

When she said that she wanted to participate in 'My Stage', Nan Mu had said that someone had voluntarily left the production crew and that they were short of people.

Did they really think that the production crew was useless?

The one who dared to pull off stunts like this just to ride on the popularity would only get swallowed up by the repercussions.

Lin Shanchu retracted her gaze, indicating that she had finished reading.

Seeing that she didn't even blink, Yun Wu asked in confusion. "Are you even human?"

"What?" Why did she suddenly claim that Lin Shanchu wasn't a human?

"This Qiao Jiayi girl didn't even explain and even posted this kind of misleading Weibo post. It's obvious that she's trying to ride on the popularity and get people to scold you at the same time! Are you not angry?"

Lin Shanchu shook her head.

Yun Wu was so angry that she stopped eating with a frown.

She moved closer to Lin Shanchu and said in a low voice, "Do you want me to help you find someone to expose Qiao Jiayi's dark history?"

Lin Shanchu's expression finally had a slight change, "You know Qiao Jiayi?"

"Yeah." Yun Wu nodded. "We met when we were abroad. At that time, she was a trainee there. She came back because she couldn't survive abroad."

"Where are you from?" Lin Shanchu was also a little curious about Yun Wu's background.

"I came from Capital City," Yun Wu replied.

"Then why did you come to Xu City?" Lin Shanchu asked again.

Capital City was as good as Xu City.

Yun Wu thought about it seriously and gave an answer that Lin Shanchu was very puzzled about. "Well, it's very lively here. There are a lot of people here too."

Lin Shanchu was confused.

After breakfast, the two of them went to the practice room.

In the practice room, many members had gathered together to look at their phones. It was unknown what they were looking at.

As they walked closer, Lin Shanchu vaguely heard her name being mentioned alongside Qiao Jiayi.



## Chapter 39

“When Lin Shanchu’s Weibo was flooded with hate comments, Qiao Jiayi pretended to not see it and kept quiet. I seriously thought Lin Shanchu did force her to quit ‘My Stage’.”

“That’s right. Now that someone’s showed up to slap her in the face with evidence, she immediately made a clarification and apology post on Weibo. She should just play dead if she’s that capable.”

“Qiao Jiayi is too much. She just watched Lin Shanchu get scolded and didn’t opt to explain for her.”

The members were all chattering away.

Lin Shanchu had already understood what was going on.

Nan Mu did things very quickly. He had already dealt with the matter while they were having breakfast.

Some sharp-eyed members noticed Lin Shanchu.

“She’s here...”

The others immediately quieted down and looked at Lin Shanchu.

Lin Shanchu smiled slightly. Her cat-like eyes were gentle and bright, as if she had walked out of a painting. She just stood there quietly, and yet she became the spotlight. She was so beautiful that people could not take their eyes off her.

Most of the students in the production crew were 18 or 19 years old. They had not experienced the entertainment industry for themselves yet, so they were still relatively innocent.

Although Lin Shanchu had a bad reputation on the internet, it was a fact that she had just been slandered, so most people still sympathized with her.

Moreover, she was very good-looking.

Humans were visual animals.

Sometimes, being good-looking was indeed an advantage.

“We saw that someone on Weibo brought out evidence of Qiao Jiayi voluntarily withdrawing from the production crew. She apologized to you on Weibo.” A girl took the initiative to speak to her.

“Oh, really? I’ll check it out later.” Lin Shanchu’s voice was clear and soft. Her tone was neither fast nor slow, and there was a strangely gentle aura that made people want to get close to her.

After Lin Shanchu finished speaking, she went to a corner with Yun Wu to practice her dance moves.

Soft discussions could be heard from behind.

“She’s so pretty and gentle. She really has the aura of a socialite.”

“Do you have any idea what she’s done in the past?”

“What is it?”

“She gave a 30 million dollar vase away during the lucky draw and even went to the Lu Corporation to host a livestream. As a result, she did Fu Jue in. I heard that she’s a bit affected in this area...”

Lin Shanchu did not need to turn around to know that the person who said the last sentence was pointing at her brain.

Was she sick in the head?

It was true.

Lu Shiyuan was the one who forced her to be this way.

She and Yun Wu sat down in a corner.

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Yun Wu took out her phone. She thought that Yun Wu was going to show her the dance video she had made, so she went over.

To his surprise, Yun Wu opened her Weibo.

She tapped on the hot topic that said #Qiao Jiayi’s apology statement.

Lin Shanchu was speechless. Were cold-hearted people that gossipy nowadays?

Seeing that she had come over, Yun Wu handed her the phone. “Qiao Jiayi apologized to you for real. She even got scolded in return. How is it that the amount of people scolding her pales in comparison to the amount that scolded you yesterday?”

“Because she’s not as popular as I am,” Lin Shanchu said lightly.

Yun Wu was speechless. Then again, it seemed to make sense.

Lin Shanchu glanced at Qiao Jiayi’s Weibo comments:

[What the hell? I actually spoke up for someone like you yesterday!]

[This kind of person with bad ethics should be banned!]

[Even though Qiao Jiayi is in the wrong, Lin Shanchu isn’t a good person either.]

[The ones who want to cause chaos are here! We’re only talking about this particular incident! Qiao Jiayi is the one in the wrong here!]

[See, that’s where I’m confused. So many people are slandering Lin Shanchu, but what is it about her that made everyone hate her this much? Is there any evidence? ]

[What I’m saying is, did the people who scolded Lin Shanchu yesterday apologize to her today?]

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After Yun Wu was done reading through the gossip, she began to show Lin Shanchu the dance she had recorded.

Lin Shanchu had learned dancing when she was young. Later on, she was busy with her studies, so she didn't continue learning, but she could see that Yun Wu had a strong foundation in dancing.

Her explosiveness and stage performance were extremely strong. She was no longer at the level of an ordinary trainee.

"There are a few moves that might be too difficult for you, so I'll make some slight changes. However, I need to know how good your skills are first."

Yun Wu pulled the progress bar of the video and said, "Try this one out."

This was the most skilled part of the dance.

The human who could not bear the weight on the ground finally turned into a vengeful ghost, struggling in despair on the ground. She did a final somersault and rose into the air, representing the hope that she had regained.

The first half of 'Vengeful Ghost' was dark, negative, and desperate, but the second half was about the vengeful ghost escaping from hell and returning to the human world.

The core of this song was hope.

"Alright," Lin Shanchu agreed.

Lin Shanchu had not danced for many years, so she was a little rusty.

She warmed her body up and tried to figure out the mood of the song.

The so-called desperate struggle... Wasn't that her current self?

Lin Shanchu lay on the ground as if she was bound by something invisible. She kept struggling but to no avail.

She stopped struggling, as if she had given in.

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Suddenly, she jumped up.

Her long black hair drew a cold and sharp arc in the air, and her slender arms slid as if they had no bones.

Thump!

It was a perfect backflip.

Yun Wu's eyes widened. She looked as if she had been deceived. "Is this what you meant when you said you couldn't dance?"

Lin Shanchu was silent for a moment. "The last time I danced was when I was ten years old."

She just wanted to give it a try, but she didn't expect to pull off an actual flip.

"There's no need for me to make any changes, then. Let's split the whole dance into parts so that we can start practicing."

Lin Shanchu had no idea how to explain to Yun Wu that she was not lying to her.

At this time, a scream came from the other side.

“Ah!”

“It’s Mr. Huo!”

“I can’t believe that I’m able to see Mr. Huo in person during this lifetime!”

Lin Shanchu looked over and saw Huo Xunzhou sitting in a wheelchair at the door.

Beside him stood Nan Mu. Li Mo stood behind him as well. He didn’t look like he had just arrived. It was unknown how long he had been there looking at the room.

After they were discovered, Li Mo pushed Huo Xunzhou into the room.

Huo Xunzhou’s eyes swept over her indifferently as if he had not seen her at all.

When the girls saw Huo Xunzhou, their faces turned red with excitement.

Even though Huo Xunzhou was in a wheelchair, his status in the entertainment industry still remained.

“How’s everyone’s preparation for the first assessment?” Nan Mu asked.

“We’re preparing right now,” the girls replied.

Nan Mu laughed. “Many of you are very capable. If you want to get a high rating during the first assessment, you’ll have to put in some effort.”

Li Mo looked for Lin Shanchu in the crowd as soon as he entered.

After searching for a long time, he still could not find Lin Shanchu. He whispered to Huo Xunzhou, “Big Brother, why can’t I see Ms. Lin?”

Huo Xunzhou looked up and glanced at Lin Shanchu in the corner. “She’s not here.”

Yun Wu was showing the moves to Lin Shanchu.

Lin Shanchu glanced at Huo Xunzhou and happened to meet his eyes.

The two of them looked at each other for two seconds before Huo Xunzhou looked away.

Meanwhile, Yun Wu, who stood across from Lin Shanchu, demonstrated the moves seriously.

Noticing that Lin Shanchu was a little distracted, Yun Wu suddenly smiled. “Do you like Huo Xunzhou as well?”

Lin Shanchu did not bother to explain. She remembered the scandal between Yun Wu and Huo Xunzhou and asked, “Don’t you like him?”

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“Although Huo Xunzhou is quite handsome, I already have someone I like.” Yun Wu’s face turned red as she spoke.

She even became embarrassed.

Lin Shanchu's mood was very complicated.

It seemed that she had completely messed up the plot of the original novel.

As the two conversed, Nan Mu's group had already made their way over.

Nan Mu knew that Lin Shanchu had prepared a song for the upcoming assessment stage.

He was surprised to see Yun Wu there. "Are you two practicing together?"

"We're performing as a group," Yun Wu explained.

"Hmm? Oh, as a group..." Nan Mu looked at Lin Shanchu with an expression that said 'I can't believe someone would actually team up with you'.

Lin Shanchu pursed her lips and emphasized on her answer. "That's right. We're teaming up!"

Just how unpopular did Nan Mu think she was?

Nan Mu realized that Lin Shanchu must have seen through his thoughts. He awkwardly cleared his throat before deliberately calling Yun Wu to the side to speak to her. With that, he created an opportunity for Huo Xunzhou and Lin Shanchu to speak in private.

Huo Xunzhou was so lucky to have such a thoughtful and sensible friend.

Li Mo greeted Lin Shanchu warmly, "Ms. Lin."

Lin Shanchu's gaze shifted from Li Mo to Huo Xunzhou. "Why are you guys here?"

"Nan Mu asked Big Brother to come," Li Mo replied.

The atmosphere suddenly became awkward.

Huo Xunzhou, who had been silent all this while, finally spoke.

"Why aren't you singing anymore?"

"Since I'm already here, I just wanted to try this out."

Lin Shanchu smiled.

When she smiled, she looked innocent and didn't look like she had been wronged at all. She really looked like a carefree young lady who had been pampered her whole life.

Huo Xunzhou didn't say anything more and motioned for Li Mo to leave.

Lin Shanchu was a little disappointed.

She thought that Huo Xunzhou would wish her luck.

It seemed like he didn't think she could dance either.

Once they were out of the practice room, Huo Xunzhou asked Nan Mu, "Is there an emergency doctor on duty 24 hours a day?"

Lin Shanchu's physical condition was very worrying.

He had seen that perfect backflip.

This was only the beginning.

In the next three months, there would be a lot of high-intensity training and movements. Lin Shanchu's body would not be able to take it.

However, he was in no position to stop her.

"Of course, I've already arranged for him to be here," Nan Mu replied.

"Arrange for two more," Huo Xunzhou said.

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"Oh," Nan Mu replied.

Although he didn't know why, he would just do as his boss said.

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In the blink of an eye, it was the day of the first assessment stage.

The production had enjoyed the benefits of the livestream of the members' first gathering, so they informed the students a few days in advance that the first assessment stage would also be on a livestream.

The night before the assessment stage, the lights in the practice room were on all night.

Influenced by the atmosphere, Lin Shanchu went back to the dormitory to practice for a little longer.

She had been sleeping very well these days.

When she was too tired from her daily practice, she would fall asleep as soon as she collapsed on the bed.

Just as she was sleeping dazily, she heard Yun Wu calling her.

"Lin Shanchu."

"Hmm?"

"After the assessment ends tomorrow, we'll be officially joining the production crew's training camp."

"Yeah."

"The dorms will be redistributed by then."

"Yeah."

Lin Shanchu waited for a long time, but Yun Wu did not speak again.

Just when she thought that Yun Wu had fallen asleep, the latter suddenly harrumphed angrily.

Why did she suddenly get angry?

"Yun Wu?"

The only sound that responded to Lin Shanchu was the sound of someone turning around on the bed and pulling the blanket over.

“I’m asleep!” Yun Wu’s muffled voice came from under the blanket.

Not only was this young girl talkative, but she was also quite emotional.

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The next day was Saturday.

The livestream and recording of the first assessment started at two o’clock in the afternoon.

After Lin Shanchu finished her breakfast, she was reminded by Yun Wu’s huge appetite. Then, she grabbed two cartons of yogurt.

When she passed by the door of the training room, many members were still training vigorously.

Lin Shanchu looked inside and stopped in her tracks.

She saw the girl who had taken the initiative to talk to her on the day Qiao Jiayi had apologized.

The girl was a very unique sweet girl. She had charming dimples whenever she smiled, making her look as cute as a female lead from Japanese anime.

She noticed that the girl was still wearing the clothes from last night and looked a little haggard.

She had clearly practiced for an entire night.

That girl was definitely hardcore.

Thump!

At this moment, the girl fell to the ground.

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Lin Shanchu quickly walked in and helped the girl up.

“An Youyun?”

An Youyun’s weak voice was tinged with a hint of surprise. “You know my name?”

“I heard others call you that.” Lin Shanchu was actually not sure if this was her real name.

An Youyun smiled, revealing her cute dimples.

Lin Shanchu resisted the urge to poke her dimples. She took out a carton of yogurt, inserted the straw, and handed it to her. “You’re too tired. The recording will start this afternoon, so take a break.”

An Youyun accepted the yogurt with both hands and thanked her obediently. “Thank you, Big Sister.”

She was too cute.

An Youyun took two sips of yogurt and regained some strength. She said pitifully, “I’m bad at dancing. I’m afraid that I might drag down my older sisters from the same company, so I can only practice hard.”

“You’re already doing your best.” Lin Shanchu felt a little ashamed. Compared to An Youyun, she didn’t put in much effort at all.

“Yun Wu’s here.” An Youyun glanced at the door.

She often saw Lin Shanchu practicing with Yun Wu, so she knew that they had formed a group.

“Good luck.” Lin Shanchu got up and went to find Yun Wu.

Yun Wu Huan crossed her arms and walked quickly.

Lin Shanchu called out to her a few times, but she did not respond.

It was not until they reached a corner that Yun Wu turned around angrily. “I knew it! You definitely have another younger sister behind my back!”

Speechless, Lin Shanchu felt like a husband who just cheated on his wife.

“You even brought her yogurt!” Yun Wu continued to complain.

Lin Shanchu was silent for a moment, then took out another carton of yogurt from her pocket and handed it to Yun Wu.

Yun Wu was delighted. “So you still love me!”

Lin Shanchu finally came to her senses. “You were angry last night. Was it because I didn’t say that I would stay in the same dormitory as you after the assessment?”

“Yeah...” Yun Wu replied awkwardly.

Lin Shanchu laughed and reached out to pat her head. “After the rating is released, I can only choose my dorm according to my level. I may not be able to share a dormitory with you.”

“Then I’ll choose the dorm with the most beds. Then, you’ll have to come with me,” Yun Wu said after some thought.

Lin Shanchu felt that something was wrong. “Why can’t I choose the dorm first? Do you think I can’t get an A rating?”

There were five initial ratings – A, B, C, D, and F.

“Nope! Absolutely no way!” Yun Wu shook her head frantically.

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At two o’clock in the afternoon.

The livestream of the show started on time.

The members entered the venue one after another.

The seats in the studio were arranged in the form of staircases. The higher one went, the fewer seats there were. The highest row only had one seat.

Half of the members entered, but the seats were still empty.

The comments all said,



[I'm dying of laughter right now. No one dares to sit at the very top.]

[That's the central position. Who would dare to sit there casually?]

[I'll bet one cent that Xia Jinqing will be the one to take that seat.]