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As Lin Shanchu focused on the big screen, she took a moment to glance at Huo Chaosheng.

Huo Chaosheng waved his hand at the teammate beside Lin Shanchu, gesturing for her to give up her seat.

His teammate glanced at the camera and decided to give up her seat to Huo Chaosheng.

This was a live broadcast, and yet, Huo Chaosheng still dared to ask someone to give up the seat beside Lin Shanchu in front of the cameras.

Wasn't he afraid of sparking rumors?

After Huo Chaosheng sat down, he frowned and looked at Lin Shanchu's hair with a judgemental expression.

"What's going on with your hair?"

Lin Shanchu retorted, "What do you mean, 'What's going on with your hair'?"

To her, Huo Chaosheng's words seemed to imply that she shouldn't have cut or dyed her hair

Since when did he have a say in her hair choices?

Huo Chaosheng quickly realized the implication of his words and chuckled, "The color is unique."

Lin Shanchu ignored him.

In the summertime, it was easy to feel drowsy.

To prevent the audience from growing sleepy, Lin Shanchu's stage was arranged to be the third-to-last.

As expected, it had a significant effect.

As soon as Lin Shanchu's group went on stage, the audience in the room and the live-stream viewers both became lively.

Comment section:

[I've waited so long in the live chat just to watch this segment.]

[I'm ready, bring it on!]

[I don't know why, but seeing Lin Shanchu standing on stage with a serious expression makes me want to laugh.]

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During the performance, the audience cheered whenever it was Huo Chaosheng and Ran Zhimo's part.

But when it came to Lin Shanchu's part, the audience seemed to be holding back their laughter.

Especially during the interactive segments in between.

Lin Shanchu simply couldn't be bothered with Huo Chaosheng. Whenever she had to interact with him, she was expressionless and impatient.

Comment section:

[Lin Shanchu and Alec seem to have a grudge against each other.] [Weren't the two of them chatting and laughing backstage just now?] [Could it be that Lin Shanchu has a grudge against rappers? Hahahaha.] It wasn't easy for Lin Shanchu to last until the end of the performance.

She heaved a sigh of relief.

Suddenly, the lights came on.

She immediately noticed Huo Xunzhou sitting in his designated seat in the auditorium not far away.

Huo Xunzhou's gaze was fixed on the stage.

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However, Lin Shanchu was too far away to tell if he was looking at her.

"Is Third Brother looking at you or me?" Huo Chaosheng covered his microphone and whispered beside her.

"Why are you asking me? Ask him yourself." Lin Shanchu replied impatiently, ignoring Huo Chaosheng's question.

Huo Chaosheng lowered his head and thought for two seconds before beckoning for the host.

"It seems that Alec is eager to speak. Let's pass the microphone to him," Yu

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Huo Chaosheng took the microphone.

"Third brother, are you looking at"

"Behave yourself."

Huo Chaoseng was interrupted by a deep and magnetic voice.

Lin Shanchu looked in the direction of the voice and noticed that Huo Xunzhou had also picked up a microphone at some point.

"Okay." Huo Chaosheng replied obediently and returned the microphone to the host.

Comment section:

[Did Alec just call Huo Xunzhou Third Brother?]

[What the f \* ck! Mr. Huo and Alec are brothers?]

[Actual brothers?]

[Why does Alec listen to Mr. Huo so obediently?]

[These two brothers are both successful. What's the story behind the Huo family?]

[I heard that Alec's family is wealthy, but isn't Mr. Huo's background pretty ordinary?]

[I seem to smell a hint of the secret hiding behind this wealthy family...]

The host immediately took control of the scene and started giving out cues.

However, the audience was no longer interested in the show and started gossiping about Huo Xunzhou's background.

After returning the microphone, Huo Chaosheng put his hands behind his back and stood upright like a well-behaved elementary school student.

Lin Shanchu was surprised.

Had Huo Chaosheng always been listening to Huo Xunzhou's instructions so obediently like this?

There was no doubt that Lin Shanchu wasn't the audience's favorite for the third performance round.

The audience's favorite this round was finally awarded to An Youyun.

After the recording ended, An Youyun returned backstage and walked past Lin Shanchu with a smile amidst a chorus of praises.

"Lin Shanchu, don't be discouraged by one mistake. You'll still have plenty of chances," An Youyun raised her chin as she smiled, revealing her sweet dimples.

Although An Youyun had a discrepancy between her appearance and her true thoughts, Lin Shanchu still found her dimples adorable.

Just like before, Lin Shanchu poked her dimples.

An Youyun was stunned.

"Sister, everyone knows it wasn't a mistake this time. I just can't perform well,"

Lin Shanchu imitated An Youyun's tone, smiled sweetly, and continued, "In life, we should live more at ease."

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Before An Youyun could react, Lin Shanchu walked away from her.

An Youyun looked up and caught sight of Huo Chaosheng trailing behind Lin Shanchu.

"Alec..." An Youyun smiled shyly.

Huo Chaosheng clicked his tongue, "She just called out your insincerity. Didn't you get that? Yet, you can still stand there and smile."

An Youyun's smile froze on his face.

Huo Chaosheng impatiently waved her away, "Move aside, don't block the way."

Sure enough, he felt that only people of his kind were intelligent. The others were all fools.

An Youyun retreated to the side and watched Huo Chaosheng leave.

Why?!

Why didn't Alec mind Lin Shanchu's poor performance this time?

She was the audience's favorite this round, yet Alec did not even bother to look at her.

What's so special about Lin Shanchu?!

The moment the recording ended, Yun Wu went to the washroom.

Now, she was waiting for Lin Shanchu by the backstage exit.

“Shanshan.”

The moment Yun Wu noticed that Huo Chaosheng was following Lin Shanchu, her expression turned serious.

“Teacher Wu,” Huo Chaosheng called out with a smile. Yun Wu responded, “You did well.”

After that, Huo Chaosheng stopped talking to Yun Wu.

Lin Shanchu realized that Huo Chaosheng's attitude towards Yun Wu had become much colder.

He wasn't as enthusiastic as he was on the first day.

Yun Wu seemed to have noticed this as well and her attitude towards Huo Chaosheng improved a little.

Lin Shanchu had heavy makeup on today. So, she planned to go to the dormitory to remove her makeup before going to the cafeteria.

Huo Chaosheng continued to trail behind her.

Lin Shanchu turned to look at him, “We're going back to the dormitory. Are you sure you want to keep following us?”

“I can wait for you at the entrance,” Huo Chaosheng said seriously.

A pervert will always be a pervert, never minding their own business.

A sudden male voice attracted everyone's attention.

At the other end of the corridor, Li MO can be seen pushing Huo Xunzhou over.

Lin Shanchu was slightly stunned. She turned to look at Yun Wu and said, “...Ah Wii?”

Yun Wu was about to explain to Lin Shanchu when Huo Chaosheng beat her to it.

“Don't you know? Third Brother...”

“Shut up.”

Huo Xunzhou's tone was neither light nor heavy, but there was an indescribable sharpness in it.

Huo Chaosheng raised an eyebrow and shut up obediently.

Yun Wu cleared her throat and pointed to Huo Xunzhou, saying, “He... He's also my third brother.”

Lin Shanchu couldn't digest the news, “Are the three of you from the same family?”

## Chapter 182: She Had Nothing to Do With Huo Xunzhou At All

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Lin Shanchu was influenced by the original plot of the book and thought that Huo Xunzhou and Yun Wu were in a romantic relationship.

After being part of the production crew for more than two months. Huo

Xunzhou and Yun Wu had met several times but never communicated with each other.

Lin Shanchu thought it was her awakening that produced the butterfly effect, which changed everyone's plot.

However, she didn't expect it to turn out like this.

Instead of Huo Xunzhou and Yun Wu being in a romantic relationship, they were relatives instead.

Now that she thought about it, there was probably something else in their romantic relationship in the original book too.

Yun Wu quickly denied, "No, no... I'm not related to the Huo family." Huo Xunzhou spoke in a deep voice, "Yun Wu's father is my uncle."

'I see...' Lin Shanchu thought to herself as she slowly understood the situation.

Yun Wu was Huo Xunzhou's cousin from her father's side.

Huo Chaozheng was also Huo Xunzhou's cousin from his father's side.

The relationship between these main characters were extraordinary.

There had been rumors online claiming that Huo Xunzhou was an orphan.

But in the original book, it was mentioned that Huo Xunzhou was related to the prominent Huo family in Kyoto.

Looking at it now, it seemed that Huo Xunzhou was indeed related to the Huo family.

Yun Wu came from a prestigious family, meaning Huo Xunzhou's mother was also from a prestigious family.

With both parents coming from prestigious backgrounds, it was strange that Huo Xunzhou grew up outside the family since he was young.

It was said that if the wealth of the family runs deeper than water, they must have some undisclosed secret hidden within.

Huo Xunzhou pretending to be disabled must have something to do with the Huo family.

"I really couldn't tell," Lin Shanchu smiled, but it lacked warmth.

Huo Xunzhou and Yun Wu were so closely related, yet Lin Shanchu had never seen them speak a word to each other for the past two months.

It must have been intentional.

“0-Our...” Yun Wu stuttered as she explained, “...Our relationship is just an ordinary one.”

“Ah Wu, come with me. I have something to tell you.” Huo Xunzhou was then pushed away by Li MO without bothering to explain anything to Lin Shanchu.

Lin Shanchu glanced at his departing figure, then continued walking without looking back.

She had nothing to be angry about.

She and Huo Xunzhou were not in the type of relationship where they constantly needed to explain and clarify their actions.

In fact, she had nothing to do with Huo Xunzhou at all.

They always went their separate ways and did their things.

Without interfering with each other.

“How come you don’t know about Yun Wu’s relationship with Third Brother?

Aren’t you close with him?”

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Huo Chaozheng caught up with her, persistently asking non -stop.

Lin Shanchu was so annoyed by his constant questioning, she quickly entered the dormitory and shut the door.

Huo Chaosheng almost had his nose hit by the door.

He flinched for a second and took half a step back.

The smile on his face gradually faded and he turned around and left.

Lin Shanchu was in a hurry to eat, so it only took her half an hour to remove her makeup and finish showering.

Huo Chaosheng didn’t wait at the door for her like he said he would.

When Lin Shanchu came out of the dormitory, Huo Chaosheng was nowhere to be found.

Yun Wu came back just in time.

After a quick shower, she went to the canteen to have dinner with Lin Shanchu. Yun Wu saw Lin Shanchu looking around and asked, “What are you looking at?”

“I don’t see Huo Chaosheng,” Huo Chaosheng had stuck onto her like a plaster for the past few days and now he was gone.

“He left,” Yun Wu’s tone sounded cheerful and her appetite seemed better than usual.

Lin Shanchu was a little surprised, “Why did he suddenly leave?”

“He’s popular, so he’s busy.”

“Oh.”

Huo Chaosheng was indeed very popular, so it was only natural for him to be busy.

However, Lin Shanchu knew Huo Chaosheng’s sudden departure was not because he was busy.

Huo Chaosheng did things as he pleased. How could he be as busy as the other employees in the entertainment industry who only focused on working all day?

A few days ago, he said he felt that she and him were of the same kind, so he had been sticking to her ever since.

Today, he suddenly left without saying a word.

He must have gotten bored of her.

As for why he suddenly felt bored..

She had no way of knowing.

The day after the performance was always a day off for the trainees.

In the evening, the production crew arranged a barbecue and bonfire party for everyone in the training camp.

The production crew only provided a barbecue grill and ingredients.

So, the trainees had to cook for themselves.

The girls loved such lively group activities.

Even Yun Wu joined in the fun.

After fooling around with the others for a while, Yun Wu realized that Lin Shanchu wasn’t there.

She looked around and found Lin Shanchu sitting among the ingredients, poking the vegetables with the skewer sticks. “Shanshan, why are you here alone?”

“It’s too noisy over there. I need to think in silence.”

Lin Shanchu replied without raising her head.

If her loyal fans were to be trusted, she would be eliminated two days after the announcement.

Once she was eliminated, she could return to the Lu Corporation and continue dealing with Lu Shiyuan and Tang Qidai.

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She wondered how those two were doing now.

Xia Jinneng would definitely stay until the finals.

So, she might have to wait a little longer if she wanted to break off the engagement with Lu Shiyuan.

“Then I’ll stay here with you,” Yun Wu brought a chair over and sat beside her.

“No need,” Lin Shanchu refused sharply.

Yun Wu was slightly taken aback, “Then, do you want me to leave?”

“Mhm.”

Lin Shanchu didn't raise her head the entire time.

Yun Wu sat and waited for a moment. Once she confirmed that Lin Shanchu didn't mean to look at her or sneak to her, she stood with a nuzzled

expression on her face.

She could feel that Lin Shanchu's attitude towards her had been a little cold recently.

Especially these two days.

“Regarding the information of Huo Xunzhou being my third brother, I really didn't mean to hide it from you,” Yun Wu thought that Lin Shanchu was angry about this.

Lin Shanchu placed the skewer in her hand, which had a sheet of dried beancurd on it, aside, “I know.”

Yun Wu wanted to say something else but was interrupted by Lin Shanchu.

“I'm not angry about this.” Lin Shanchu finally looked up, her expression gentle and indifferent.

“Then you...” Yun Wu wanted to ask her what was wrong, but she didn't know how to start.

Lin Shanchu looked at her with affectionate eyes, “Once we part ways, we should take care of ourselves.”

“It's too early for that,” Yun Wu was an honest child. She had not been using her phone since she joined the program, so she did not know what Lin Shanchu's fans were up to. She still thought that Lin Shanchu would stay until the finals.

The show had some sponsors who were companies producing alcoholic beverages.

Everyone ate and drank so much to the point where all of them were tipsy by the time of the bonfire party.

Many of the girls had poor alcohol tolerance and had their faces flushed red.

Under the influence of alcohol, people tend to open up more easily.

So, the girls were jumping through all sorts of topics before they finally landed on their wishes.

“My wish is to make it to the finals.”

“My wish is to be able to land another job after getting eliminated.” “My wish is for my parents to look at me differently!”

“I wish to sleep for three days and three nights without anyone waking me up...”

Sitting around the bonfire, they took turns sharing their wishes.

Finally, everyone's eyes fell on Lin Shanchu.

Someone asked, “Lin Shanchu, what is your wish?”

Her wish?

Lin Shanchu thought hard about it.



As she thought about it, she started laughing.

“Lin Shanchu, why are you laughing?”

“I remembered one of my old wishes,” Lin Shanchu replied.

That wish was so ridiculous.

She couldn't help but laugh..

Chapter 183: I Wish Everyone Would Be Able To See the Light and Reach Their Dreams To Distant Places

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“What was the wish?” everyone asked Lin Shanchu curiously.

Lin Shanchu pondered for a moment before bursting into laughter again.

Her childhood wish was for Lu Shiyuan to be happy every day.

The wish she had when she was slightly older than that was for Lu Shiyuan to smile at her.

But she couldn't say it out loud.

Lin Shanchu just shook her head.

Everyone was willing to be tolerant when it came to beautiful girls.

So, they didn't press further.

“Then tell us your current wish.”

Everyone was curious about Lin Shanchu's wish, considering how everything seemed to be going her way.

Her current wish?

To hope that Lu Shiyuan dies quickly maybe?

That was definitely something that can't be said out loud.

Lin Shanchu looked up at the sky.

The weather was rarely this good. The stars were shimmering across the sky.

“My wish is to have world peace and for justice to prevail.”

As soon as she completed her sentence, laughter erupted all around.

Ran Zhimo, who was sitting opposite her, was laughing so hard that her body was swaying.

“When I was in kindergarten, my wish was also for world peace. Hahahaha!”

“I matured a little later. I still held on to this wish when I was in primary school...”

Lin Shanchu pointed to the stars in the sky and justified herself quite seriously, “My wish was genuinely sincere. The stars can testify.”

Everyone:

“Yes, the stars can testify. We believe you. We also hope for world peace.

Hahahaha...

“Group activities are always interesting with Lin Shanchu, she even knows how to tell dry jokes. Hahahaha...”

Two days later, the day of the ranking announcements arrived.

Many of the students were so nervous they couldn't sleep. Even before the rankings were released, they already burst into tears.

The official broadcast started.

Lin Shanchu had already started contemplating where she should go after leaving the training camp.

After thinking about it, she realized that she doesn't really seem to have any other place to go with her luggage except to the Lu Corporation.

Her priority right now was to think of finding a room to rent.

This was why when the camera cut to Lin Shanchu, they caught her in a daze.

Comment section:

[Does Lin Shanchu know that she's going to be eliminated?]

[Lin Shanchu's fans are incredible. They actually managed to get Lin Shanchu into the elimination zone.]

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[I don't think the production crew will actually let Lin Shanchu go.] The instructors and hosts slowly filled the stage.

After a simple greeting, it was time to announce the rankings.

The atmosphere in the studio changed dramatically.

Some were laughing, some were crying, some were terrified, and some felt relieved.

Finally, it was time for the last elimination spot.

The audience in the live chat was equally nervous as the contestants who had yet to have their ranks announced.

Mentor Qin Shuya stepped forward, “I'd like to announce the person in last place. Is that okay?”

The others agreed by making way for Qin Shuya.

Qin Shuya held the name list with a regretful expression.

“The contestant in last place is...”

Comment section:

[With that look... It's definitely going to be Lin Shanchu.]

[No way. Does the production crew really dare to do this?]

[I don't believe it's Lin Shanchu.]

[I don't think the production crew can afford it.]

[I just want to see Lin Shanchu's expression when she finds out that she's been eliminated.]

Qin Shuya spotted Lin Shanchu in the crowd on the spot.

Then, he called out her name word by word.

“Lin... Shan... Chu!”

The other contestants were all in disbelief.

Many contestants raised their hands high, wishing for a chance to ask their questions.

Following the director's instructions, Qin Shuya deliberately did not pick contestants who had a close relationship with Lin Shanchu. Instead, he picked a random person, “What do you wish to say?”

The contestant who was pointed out asked with a serious expression, “Is this ranking fair and just?”

“Yes!” Qin Shuya replied.

The contestants clearly did not accept his answer.

“How is that possible?”

“Lin Shanchu has been ranked first place for two consecutive episodes.”

“How could she fall out of the debut zone?” “What exactly is the production crew doing?!” Comment section:

[So many people were speaking up for Lin Shanchu?]

[Lin Shanchu is quite popular.]

[Is the production crew serious?]

[Am I the only one who thinks that Lin Shanchu's fans are terrifyingly united?]

[Same here, I think they're too united. If they decide to eliminate, they will eliminate!]

The contestants were all riled up.

All eyes were on the production crew and they began to bombard them with questions.

The production crew members could hardly cope with the response.

Comment section:

[Amazing. After watching so many talent shows, this is the first time I'm seeing something like this.]

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[This will definitely incite rebellion, how thrilling! ]

[The production crew has really earned themselves the biggest resentment award.]

[As expected, we can always trust the production crew. They always manage to surprise us...]

The situation was about to get out of control.

The director had to step in to personally explain, "Our show is absolutely fair and just. Every vote made for Lin Shanchu was cast by her fans."

"The reason Lin Shanchu ended up in the elimination zone this time is because her fans want her to switch paths..."

Even the director felt that Lin Shanchu's fans' actions were a bit extreme, which made his explanation sound uncertain.

The contestants still questioned the situation.

After all, they had never seen such a thing before.

What loyal fans would want their idol to be eliminated?

In front of the camera, everyone still tried to speak politely. However, there were also some who were straightforward.

"What a load of nonsense!"

"You dare to take action but don't dare to take responsibility for it, right?"

The director couldn't take it anymore and directly handed the microphone to Lin Shanchu. "Lin Shanchu, explain yourself."

Comment section:

[This is the most pathetic director I've ever seen.]

[This scene can probably be included in the 'Pathetic Director Compilation'.]

Lin Shanchu deliberately kept silent because she wanted to see the director panic.

Who asked him to be so mean to her in the past few episodes?

The staff ran over and stuffed the microphone into Lin Shanchu's hands.

"The director is right. Every vote I received was cast by my fans." Lin Shanchu's voice echoed and everyone quieted down.

"There's no need to doubt the production crew. They have always been fair and just."

"Thank you, everyone."

Lin Shanchu bowed to everyone solemnly.

She was actually surprised that so many people were willing to stand up for her.

After all, she was usually busy with training and wasn't very social. She had only met a lot of the trainees briefly face-to-face and did not have deep connections with them.

This world had more people with good intentions.

Scum like Lu Shiyuan was rare.

"Just because I'm leaving this place, doesn't mean it's the end."

"As the director said, I'm just moving onto another path and will continue to move forward."

"I wish that everyone would be able to see the light and reach their dreams to distant places."

Lin Shanchu looked at these youthful faces and felt moved.

They had touched her heart in ways beyond what she had expected.

She hoped that these beautiful girls could all see the light and reach their dreams to distant places.

Even if those luxurious things could no longer be hers.

This path full of light and blooming flowers had never been hers to walk in the first place.

Her path was on the other side.

She had deviated from the light long ago.

Life had come to a dark place..

## Chapter 184: Stepping Stones

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The hashtag #LinShanchuWasEliminated exploded the internet.

The hashtag with her name was ranked first on the list, followed by the tag 'hot'.

Fans and curious netizens from all walks of life gathered to watch the spectacle.

[Is this hot search for real?]

[The production crew and Lin Shanchu's fans were all ruthless!]

[I knew this woman would be eliminated eventually.]

[Isn't it normal for people who had no talent to be eliminated? What's there to be surprised about?]

[Even now, there are still people saying that Lin Shanchu isn't good enough.

She managed to dominate the trending search bar when she joined and left the program, was this still not good enough?]

[People who had a decent sense of understanding would know that Lin

Shanchu has earned enough popularity and is now ready to leave the show.]

[Not to mention the number of fans Lin Shanchu has gained in the past two months was absurd. Have you ever come across a fanbase in the entire entertainment industry that is as united and ruthless as Lin Shanchu's fans?

Whether Lin Shanchu could attract fans or the sheer power her fans had, which female celebrity in the same generation could compare? Don't you feel a sense of danger? And you still have time to mock her?]

Even though the recording of 'My Stage' was not over yet, someone had already posted a video clip of Lin Shanchu's farewell speech online.

In the video, Lin Shanchu was standing amongst the crowd.

She was wearing the same uniform as all the other contestants around her, yet she still stood out. Everyone couldn't take their eyes off her.

She held the microphone and her clear eyes conveyed a profound sincerity. His tone was as gentle as usual.

"I wish that everyone would be able to see the light and reach their dreams to distant places. "

Beneath her words of well-wishes was a tinge of envy she tried hard to conceal.

But in the close-up, Lin Shanchu was only seen smiling as she exited the scene, just like he had done countless times before.

Then, the camera panned toward the other contestants.

Many of them had red eyes, tears streaming down their faces.

Then, the video came to an end.

A popular internet celebrity reposted this video and commented: [Sincere wishes never fail to tug on our heartstrings.]

The fans of that celebrity immediately flooded the comments section.

[This video is so touching!]

[Lin Shanchu has so many haters! I only said I felt she was sincere and they started harassing me in my private messages.]

[I noticed many people saying that Lin Shanchu was pretentious and thought that I was the only one who thought that she was genuinely sincere. Turns out, it wasn't just me.]

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[Although I used to think Lin Shanchu was a little crazy when she did things, I still felt she was real.]

For the entire day, Lin Shanchu remained at the top of the trending search list. Some people even noticed that this video gained more views than the episode where Lu Shiyuan and Tang Qidai went on-site to visit Lin Shanchu.

The netizens joked: “Ultimately, it was Lu Shiyuan and Tang Qidai who had lost.”

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Tang Qidai was furious when she saw the trending search list.

“Lin Shanchu is really something! She could still steal the limelight away even after being eliminated!”

“Lin Shanchu may have stolen the limelight, but aren’t there still a lot of people mocking her?” Kong Suyi comforted her, “Daidai, don’t be upset over this kind of person. It’s not worth it.”

Tang Qidai couldn’t control her anger, “Go online and take a look yourself. That b \* tch is defaming Brother Shiyuan and me just to get in the limelight! She’s treating us like stepping stones!”

“I don’t agree with you, Daidai.” Kong Suyi smiled, “Your publicity and hers are currently tied together. So, wouldn’t her popularity be your popularity as well?”

Kong Suyi’s words reminded Tang Qidai.

That’s right.

Lin Shanchu’s popularity was no longer what it used to be.

As long as Lin Shanchu was still engaged to Brother Shiyuan, their fates would be tied together.

As a result, Lin Shanchu’s popularity would inevitably intertwine with hers.

If she wasn’t getting any benefits from it, Lin Shanchu wouldn’t be getting it either!

Tang Qidai sneered as she touched up her makeup in a mirror before standing up.

“I’m going down there.”

When Lin Shanchu was packing her luggage in the dormitory, Yun Wu offered to help her.

She claimed that she wanted to help her, but in reality, she was trying to stall for time.

Yun Wu was slowly and leisurely helping Lin Shanchu collect her things.

However, Lin Shanchu didn’t have much luggage, to begin with. So, no matter how much Yun Wu dawdled, she would be done packing fairly quickly.

Wen Tongtong was watching from the side as she asked, “Are you leaving

“She’ll leave after we eat.” Yun Wu replied as she was hauling Lin Shanchu’s luggage toward her.

“I’m not eating. I’m bored of the cafeteria food.”

Lin Shanchu extended her hand toward Yun Wu and said politely, “Allow me?”

Yun Wu reluctantly handed her the suitcase.

Lin Shanchu dragged her own suitcase out.

An Youyun was standing at the door with a smile, "Sister, you're leaving so soon? I won't send you off then. I still have to prepare for tomorrow's recording."

She thought she would be competing against Lin Shanchu for first place during the finals.

But she didn't expect Lin Shanchu to be this disappointing and leave before the finals.

"Good luck," Lin Shanchu patted An Youyun's shoulder.

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Just as An Youyun was beginning to feel confused, Lin Shanchu continued, "Otherwise, you won't even be able to keep fourth place."

"You..." An Youyun was furious.

Lin Shanchu had already been eliminated, yet she still dared to mock her so arrogantly.

But since so many people are present, An Youyun did not dare to act as crazily as Lin Shanchu.

An Youyun quickly calmed down and smiled, "I'll accept your good wishes. Fourth place is pretty good. At least I'm better than those who can't even make it to the debut position."

There were still many students like Lin Shanchu who were preparing to leave after being eliminated.

Although An Youyun's words were not wrong, they still angered them.

The moment she ended her sentence, she felt that the atmosphere at the scene was a little strange.

An Youyun realized and tried to say a few words to remedy the situation, but no one paid any attention to her.

The students just carried their suitcases and followed Lin Shanchu.

"Lin Shanchu, let's go."

"Once we leave, we're planning to have a meal together. Do you want to join?"

Lin Shanchu declined, "I have something to do, so I can't go." "Can we add each other on WeChat later when we have our phones?"

"I'd also like to add you..."

Lin Shanchu could feel the words of rejection at the tip of her tongue, but she decided not to say them, "Alright."

The director was waiting in the lobby to distribute their phones.

"How about I add everyone to a group chat? After joining the group, you can add each other as friends."

"Lin Shanchu, let me add you to the group chat." Lin Shanchu felt that it was a good idea to join the group.

It would save her the trouble.

She wouldn't have to add them one by one.

After joining the group chat, Lin Shanchu left the training camp.



She spotted Nan Mu's car at the entrance of the training camp.

Nan Mu came over to help Lin Shanchu carry her luggage.

Lin Shanchu hid the suitcase behind her, "What do you think you're doing?" Did Nan Mu regret eliminating her?

Nan Mu was stunned, "I'm picking you up to go to the company. I'm your boss, have you forgotten?"

"...Oh," she really did almost forget about that.

To think that she had been wasting all her time thinking about where to go first once she left the training camp.

After getting in the car, Nan Mu told Lin Shanchu, "I've gotten you a manager and an assistant, and prepared a house for you. You can take a look and see if you're satisfied. If you're not, do let me know."

Even the house was prepared for her?

"Thank you, President Nan," Lin Shanchu thanked him sincerely.

Nan Mu looked at her with a hesitant expression, then waved his hand, "You're welcome. This is what the company should be doing for you.."

## Chapter 185: If I'd Written It, You Wouldn't Have Chosen Me

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Lin Shanchu followed Nan Mu to Tianzhou Media.

From a distance, Lin Shanchu spotted two individuals waiting at the entrance.

It was a man and a woman, but their faces were unclear.

As they got closer, Lin Shanchu recognized the man as Qi Cheng, Jing Ming's former manager.

"Qi Cheng?"

"Miss Lin."

Qi Cheng bowed slightly toward her.

Nan Mu approached them and said, "Since you guys know each other, I'm not required to introduce you two again."

"Qi Cheng is the manager you found for me?" Lin Shanchu asked. "Yeap." Nan Mu asked for her opinion, "What do you think?"

Lin Shanchu turned to look at Qi Cheng, "Why did you suddenly decide to become a manager again?"

Qi Cheng was actually a very capable manager.

However, after Jing Ming's incident, he basically withdrew from the entertainment industry and stopped representing artists.

"One cannot drift aimlessly forever. One has to move forward eventually," Qi Cheng was smiling but there was a hint of sadness in his tone.

The incident that happened to Jing Ming weighed heavily on his heart.

People often advise to focus on the future.

But no one mentions how difficult it is to let go of the past.

Lin Shanchu reached out her hand to Qi Cheng, "It's an honor to work with you."

Qi Cheng was still struggling to come to terms with Jing Ming's death.

If it weren't for this, he wouldn't have shown up at Tianzhou Media.

Qi Cheng also wants to settle the score with Lu Shiyuan, just like Lin Shanchu.

This would make it easier for her to handle things in the future.

After talking to Qi Cheng, Lin Shanchu turned to look at the girl standing beside them.

The girl had a natural look. She had no makeup on and wore a pair of black-framed glasses. Although she appeared quite young, she held a serious demeanor.

She took the initiative to introduce herself, "Hello, Miss Lin. My name is He Xiang."

"I was also the one who got this assistant for you," Nan Mu added.

Nan Mu noticed that Lin Shanchu kept staring at He Xiang and asked, "What's wrong?"

"He Xiang?" Lin Shanchu approached her, "Have I seen you somewhere before?"

He Xiang nervously bit her lip, "I used to be Tang Qidai's assistant."

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Nan Mu frowned upon hearing this, "Why didn't you include that in your resume?"

Nan Mu saw that He Xiang was honest and reliable, so he wanted to reserve her as Lin Shanchu's assistant.

If he had known that He Xiang used to be Tang Qidai's assistant, he wouldn't have kept her.

"If I had written it, you wouldn't have chosen me," He Xiang whispered. "And do you think we will now that we know..." Nan Mu sneered.

Lin Shanchu glanced at Nan Mu, signaling him to stop talking.

Nan Mu was so shocked by Lin Shanchu's glance that he instinctively shut up.

The moment he realized how embarrassing he looked, he realized that everyone's attention wasn't on him in the first place. So, he could only rub his nose awkwardly and pretend that nothing had happened.

"Why did you leave Tang Qidai?" Lin Shanchu asked He Xiang.

He Xiang pushed her bangs aside, revealing a scar about the length of a thumb.

Then, she pulled down her shirt collar to reveal her shoulders and rolled up her sleeves.

“These are all from Tang Qidai’s beatings. ”

The scars plastered all over her body appeared relatively fresh as if they were recent injuries.

Nan Mu and Qi Cheng had been averting their eyes as she partially undressed to avoid arousing any suspicion towards the situation. But upon hearing what she said, they turned their heads in disbelief.

Only Lin Shanchu remained calm.

After learning about Tang Qidai’s childhood from Xia Jinmeng, she already had a good understanding of Tang Qidai’s character.

A person who could cruelly kill small animals at the age of five and calmly cover up the evidence without so much as batting an eyelid would naturally do such things when they grew up.

Just like how she did earlier, Lin Shanchu extended her hand to He Xiang.

“It’s a pleasure working with you.”

He Xiang hesitated for two seconds before she finally smiled and reached out to shake her hand, “Thank you, Miss Lin.”

After Tang Qidai beat her that night, she sent He Xiang to a private hospital and paid her off before sending her back to her hometown.

After recovering from her injuries, she proceeded to return to her hometown.

However, she was not willing to accept her fate.

How was it that Tang Qidai, who committed a crime, was still standing proudly under the spotlight, while she, the victim, was forced to hide?

How was this possible?

After returning to Xu City, she tried to go back to her previous line of work, but no artist was willing to take her on.

She knew that Tang Qidai must be behind this.

So, He Xiang joined Tianzhou Media with an open-minded attitude.

Tianzhou Media had no prior business dealings with the Lu Corporation, so Tang Qidai wouldn’t be able to get her hands on her here.

She intentionally concealed her work experience with Tang Qidai and presented herself as a young, honest girl, which led to her being retained.

What she didn’t expect was to be assigned as Lin Shanchu’s assistant and recognized by her immediately.

If Lin Shanchu didn’t want her, she would have no choice but to return to her hometown.

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Now that Lin Shanchu chose to let her stay, Nan Mu couldn't say much either.

Everyone was busy, so they didn't go out to eat.

They delivered takeout to the office and everyone had their meals while chatting.

After dinner, Nan Mu personally escorted Lin Shanchu to the house he had arranged for her in advance.

"From now on, you can communicate with your manager and assistant about your upcoming schedules. I'll take my leave now. If anything, just call." Nan Mu had barely even entered the door and he was already about to leave.

"Thank you."

"It's not for free."

Nan Mu shot her the smile of a sly businessman and turned around to run.

He bolted so quickly that he disappeared in the blink of an eye. He was worried that he would get beaten up if he ran any slower.

"Sister Lin, I've already tidied up the house. Look..."

He Xiang's voice came from behind.

Nan Mu had arranged for her to come and tidy up the house a few days ago, so most of the daily necessities had already been bought. The only thing she had left to buy was Lin Shanchu's personal items.

"I'll look at it later," Lin Shanchu wasn't in the mood to talk to He Xiang about this.

She walked up to Qi Cheng and asked, "I want to take a look at my schedule."

Qi Cheng paused for a moment, then took out his phone with a complicated expression and handed it over to Lin Shanchu, showing her the schedule. "Really? There's so many..." Lin Shanchu muttered to herself.

She had only read one page of it and could already feel her fists clenching onto the phone harder and harder.

That greedy profiteer!

He had arranged over ten endorsements for her in one day.

Advertisement gigs, interviews... All of them were back to back from each other. He even planned for her to be eating and sleeping in the car!

No wonder Nan Mu agreed so easily when she said she wanted to be eliminated from 'My Stage'.

It turns out he was just waiting for her here!

Isn't Huo Xunzhou controlling him at all?

Qi Cheng watched as Lin Shanchu's grip on his phone tightened and he said, cautiously, "Miss Lin... The phone is innocent..."

Lin Shanchu stuffed the phone back into Qi Cheng's hands and took out her own phone to call Nan Mu.

"Sorry, the number you have dialed is currently unavailable..." That cunning jerk dares to make a move but doesn't dare to face the consequences!

He doesn't even answer the phone!

Meanwhile on Nan Mu's side...

Nan Mu quickly left the neighborhood and fled the scene.

When he returned from Tianzhou Media, Huo Xunzhou was already waiting for him in his office.

"You were late. I just came from sending Lin Shanchu off."

Nan Mu tossed his car keys on the desk and sat down lazily.

Huo Xunzhou continued to flip through the documents in hand as if he hadn't heard anything.

Seeing that Huo Xunzhou didn't react, Nan Mu asked curiously, "Did you guys quarrel again?"

## Chapter 186: Can 't Be This Lucky All The Time

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This time, Huo Xunzhou finally paid attention to him.

However, he was only interested in asking for information and did not mention Lin Shanchu.

"Have you read this info about Jiang Ziyu?" Huo Xunzhou raised the document in his hand.

Nan Mu checked the details.

The contents of the document were about Jiang Ziyu's interpersonal relationships.

Since Huo Xunzhou wasn't rushing him for it, Nan Mu didn't personally check the documents. He instructed someone else to check and placed them here, waiting to be handed over to Huo Xunzhou once he had the time.

"No?" Nan Mu noticed Huo Xunzhou's serious expression and asked, "Is there a problem with it?"

"Is this the only document?" Huo Xunzhou asked again.

"Yes," Jiang Ziyu wasn't a VIP or anything, so Nan Mu didn't bother keeping a copy.

Huo Xunzhou didn't say anything else.

His scanning eyes stopped at a certain line on the document.

Nan Mu stood up and walked over curiously.

"Let me take a look."

Huo Xunzhou immediately closed the file.

Because of this, Nan Mu didn't manage to notice the sentence 'Old acquaintance of Tang Qidai' written in the file.

"I have something else to do, so I'll take my leave," Huo Xunzhou gathered all the documents and got up to leave.

Compared to whatever information Huo Xunzhou asked for, Nan Mu was still more interested in Huo Xunzhou and Lin Shanchu's affairs.

He spoke toward Huo Xunzhou's back, "Lin Shanchu has been eliminated, don't you don't care about her?"

Seeing that Huo Xunzhou was still unfazed, Nan Mu shouted, "I've lined up a bunch of endorsements for her as soon as she got out. Don't you feel bad for

Huo Xunzhou finally stopped.

"As long as you've thought it through."

He didn't look back, but there seemed to be a hint of laughter in his voice. Nan Mu was baffled.

He was talking to Huo Xunzhou about Lin Shanchu. How could the only thing Huo Xunzhou ask him to do was think it through?

What was there to think about?

The house Nan Mu arranged for Lin Shanchu was in a good location.

The transport was convenient and they had all the necessary amenities nearby.

Lin Shanchu was quite low maintenance, so she went to the supermarket to grab some essentials and returned home.

In the meantime, He Xiang demonstrated her diligence by taking the initiative to organize Lin Shanchu's belongings before Lin Shanchu could attend to them herself.

So when Lin Shanchu returned, she was more than happy to enjoy her leisure time looking around the house.

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Nan Mu wasn't stingy with his money.

But then again, Nan Mu had earned quite a bit from the popularity she gained and the endorsements she brought to 'My Stage'.

Compared to that, this was nothing.

After looking around the whole house, Lin Shanchu entered the walk-in closet.

The walk-in closet was packed.

All kinds of high-end, branded clothing lined the racks, all of them were of the latest styles of the season.

There were even some limited edition ones.

“Sister Lin, I’ve already tidied up that area. What do you want to eat for dinner?”

He Xiang’s voice sounded from the door.

“Where did all these clothes come from?” Lin Shanchu asked her.

“They were all sent over by their respective brands.”

Lin Shanchu was stunned, “This many?”

She knew that some brands were more proactive in offering their products to artists they wanted to work with.

Still, this was too much.

He Xiang deliberated and said, “Sister Lin, maybe you don’t know... but you’re really popular now.”

“I’m really popular?” Lin Shanchu blinked.

She knew she had gained some popularity while being in ‘My Stage’.

But she never felt that she was at a point of being ‘really popular’.

He Xiang thought for a moment and said, “I’ve already received many calls today from people who wanted to discuss collaboration with you...”

There was no such thing as secrets in this industry.

News tends to spread rapidly.

Getting ahold of Lin Shanchu’s contact information wasn’t easy, but getting ahold of her managers’ and assistants’ contacts was much easier.

Even though the assistants weren’t in charge of Lin Shanchu’s work affairs, these people would take advantage of every opportunity and not miss a chance.

Lin Shanchu let out an “Ah” in exclamation and suddenly realized, “I guess I am somewhat popular.”

He Xiang was amused by her appearance, “Brother Qi said that you can choose the clothes you like and wear them. We will return those that you don’t like.”

“Does that mean I have to discuss collaboration with them if I wear their clothes?” Lin Shanchu had a few clothes that she was eyeing. “I think so. You’ll have to ask Brother Qi about that.”

“Got it.”

As He Xiang turned to leave, she suddenly remembered the purpose of her visit to Lin Shanchu. “Sister Lin, what do you want to have for dinner?”

“Anything is fine.”

He Xiang felt a little hesitant and wanted to ask again.

But Lin Shanchu seemed indifferent and had already started picking out her clothes for tomorrow.

It was six in the morning.

Lin Shanchu woke up on time.

After washing up and coming out of the bedroom, she bumped into He Xiang, who was also up early.

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“Good morning, Sister Lin.”

Lin Shanchu had a natural kind of beauty. Even without makeup and with her dreamy blue princess cut, her beauty wasn't affected at all.

He Xiang looked at Lin Shan Chu with astonishment.

She was too beautiful.

She looked so good even without makeup!

“Why are you up so early?” Lin Shanchu put on a baseball cap and prepared to go downstairs for a run.

“I'm going to make breakfast.”

Lin Shanchu paused upon hearing this and smiled at He Xiang, “When you were Tang Qidai's assistant, did you also wake up early to make breakfast every

He Xiang's face turned pale at the mention of Tang Qidai's name.

“Yes.”

Tang Qidai believed that takeout was unhealthy, so no matter how late they worked the night before, she would always have He Xiang get up early the next morning to make breakfast.

He Xiang didn't even need to tell her about this and Lin Shanchu could already guess.

“When things get busy, you don't need to wake up early to make breakfast anymore,” Lin Shanchu didn't press further and left her with this statement before heading out.

The neighborhood had a nice environment.

There was also an artificial lake.

Lin Shanchu wasn't sure if her body could handle other exercises, so she just jogged around the lake.

She ran around the lake, over and over again, until she couldn't run anymore. She collapsed on a bench by the lake to rest.

The temporary lack of blood supply to her brain from running made Lin Shanchu feel a little dizzy.

She looked up at the clear sky and fell into a momentary daze.

She was finally living the unrestrained life that she had been dreaming of for a long time.

All she needed to do now was get out of Lu Shiyuan's shadow, then she could live a completely free life.

“Miss Lin.”

Qi Cheng's voice brought her back to reality.

Lin Shanchu slowly straightened up and saw Qi Cheng, who had been standing there for who knows how long.



Lin Shanchu stared at him for a while before calling, “Brother Qi?”

Qi Cheng was elder and a senior in the industry, so it was only right to address him as ‘Brother Qi’.

Qi Cheng forced a smile and said, “Jing Ming used to call me that too.”

The relaxed expression on Lin Shanchu’s face suddenly turned serious, “I’m sorry.”

Her apology seemed abrupt and random, but Qi Cheng understood she was referring to the sudden disappearance of evidence at the police station.

“Don’t blame yourself for that,” Qi Cheng sat down beside her, speaking through gritted teeth, “Lu Shiyuan can’t be this lucky all the time.”

Qi Cheng still didn’t know that the evidence was erased because of Lu Shiyuan’s main character’s halo.

He thought that everything was just a coincidence.

He thought that Lu Shiyuan was lucky.

But in fact, Lu Shiyuan’s luck might always be this good.

After a long silence, Lin Shanchu still didn’t say anything.

Finally, she stood up and said, “Let’s go..”

Chapter 187: There Is No Other Way Between Us

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He Xiang’s skills are pretty good.

The breakfast looked good and was delicious.

Even Qi Cheng could not help but praise her.

Qi Cheng took out Lin Shanchu’s itinerary for the day while having his meal.

“Brother Qi, there’s no need to look at it.”

“Huh?”

Qi Cheng was puzzled as he looked at Lin Shanchu.

Lin Shanchu said calmly, “We’re not going to follow the itinerary. Let’s go to Lu Corporation after we finish eating.”

“Then, this...” Qi Cheng waved the itinerary in his hand.

Lin Shanchu replied, “Forget it.”

Qi Cheng was dumbfounded.

Was she not a little arrogant?

Today was Monday.

Lu Shiyuan had the habit of holding meetings on Monday mornings.

Lin Shanchu arrived at the venue on time.

“This week...”

Just when Lu Shiyuan opened his mouth, he noticed everyone was looking at the door.

He turned around and saw Lin Shanchu walking in after pushing the door.

Lin Shanchu was dressed in a slim-fit black dress with her curvy body perfectly outlined. She looked hot and cool after adding a silver chain as an accessory.

In addition, she had a dreamy blue princess cut. Even if she did not show any expression, she still looked defiant.

It was still the same face and the same eyebrows, but she seemed to have been a changed woman, making Lu Shiyuan feel an extreme unfamiliarity. Lu Shiyuan frowned as he stared at Lin Shanchu’s dreamy blue princess cut.

“What are you doing here?”

“For the meeting.”

Lin Shanchu ordered Zhou Yan who was recording and sitting beside her. “Get me a chair.”

Zhou Yan looked up at Lu Shiyuan, trying to ask for his opinion.

Lu Shiyuan did not say a word.

Lin Shanchu would not leave even if he refused her.

Lin Shanchu was getting more and more impudent. She would not listen to him at all.

Zhou Yan knew that Lu Shiyuan’s silence was acquiescence, so he got up to get a chair for Lin Shanchu.

After Zhou Yan brought the chair over, he tentatively pushed the chair towards Lu Shiyuan.

Seeing that Lu Shiyuan had no intention of objecting him, he placed the chair beside Lu Shiyuan.

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Lu Shiyuan was not against it.

However, Lin Shanchu had a bone to pick with him.

After she dragged the chair away from Lu Shiyuan, she stroked the hem of her dress and sat down slowly.

Anger filled Lu Shiyuan’s eyes as he gritted his teeth and looked at Lin Shanchu

coldly.

However, Lin Shanchu did not even look at him.

She looked around and acted like a major shareholder. She leaned back in her chair and said lazily, “Where were we just now? Continue.” The shareholders felt that this scene was very familiar.

Was this not the same as the shareholder meeting before?

Lin Shanchu caused such a huge commotion last time, and she even dispersed Lu Shiyuan’s power.

This time, Lin Shanchu was up to no good again.

The shareholders had their own schemes in their minds, but none of them wanted Lu Shiyuan to monopolize the power.

They hoped that Lin Shanchu would go against Lu Shiyuan every day, interrupting Lu Shiyuan’s peace of mind.

Therefore, a shareholder had already started talking about the meeting before Lu Shiyuan could say anything.

During the meeting, Lin Shanchu would always take the lead in opposing anything that Lu Shiyuan agreed to.

Since Lin Shanchu took the lead, those cunning shareholders also pretended to be neutral and then switched sides.

Their actions directly led to Lu Shiyuan’s failure of completing a single thing after the meeting ended.

Lin Shanchu smiled as she raised her voice. “Since everyone has nothing else to say, let’s end the meeting.”

Seeing that Lu Shiyuan was about to explode at any time, the shareholders were still a little afraid. They stood up and left quickly.

As soon as they left, Lu Shiyuan could not hold back anymore.

He stood up with a whoosh and said angrily, “Lin Shanchu, have you had enough?”

“Of course not.” Lin Shanchu laughed.

It was indescribably provocative and arrogant.

Lu Shiyuan strode up to her. His heaving chest showed that he was frenzily suppressing his rage.

He placed his hands on the armrest of Lin Shanchu’s seat and stared at her intently. “Do you really think that I can’t do anything to you?”

Every word seemed to be squeezed out his teeth.

It was obvious how angry he was.

Lin Shanchu was not timid at all, nor did she avoid Lu Shiyuan’s gaze.

“I never thought so.”

Lin Shanchu’s voice turned cold, and her gaze was as sharp as a blade.

Lu Shiyuan was stunned by the cold killing intent in her eyes.

Lin Shanchu was sitting on a wheeled executive chair.

She lifted her foot and kicked Lu Shiyuan away. The tip of her foot tapped lightly on the ground, and the chair slid back. Lu Shiyuan retreated reflexively in order to stabilize his body.

Lin Shanchu stood up from the chair.

“Lu Shiyuan, now that things have come to this, there is no other way between us. One shall stand, one shall fall.”

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Lin Shanchu turned around and left.

She only left Lu Shiyuan with a determined back view.

One shall stand, one shall fall.

Lu Shiyuan repeated these words in his mind.

He could not believe that these words came out of Lin Shanchu’s mouth.

“President Lu?” Zhou Yan was a little worried when she saw that Lu Shiyuan’s expression was not right.

Lu Shiyuan raised his hand, indicating that he was fine.

After a while, Lu Shiyuan slowly raised his head and looked in the direction where Lin Shanchu had left. His gaze gradually became determined. Lin Shanchu came to the Lu family when she was six years old.

They had known each other for sixteen years.

For so many years, Lin Shanchu had never been the one to decide the matters between them.

What did she mean by “One shall stand, one shall fall”?

Lin Shanchu did not have the final say.

He would decide what would happen between them!

Lin Shanchu left the meeting room and went straight to the artist director.

Qi Cheng and He Xiang stood beside her and looked at her cold face. The two of them looked at each other and no one dared to say anything.

Qi Cheng drove them over. He originally planned to wait downstairs, but he followed them after consideration.

Although he and He Xiang did not hear the conversation between Lin Shanchu and Lu Shiyuan when they were at the door of the conference room earlier, they could see Lin Shanchu and Lu Shiyuan at daggers drawn through the glass door.

Lu Shiyuan was very famous in the industry.

No matter how famous a person was, they had to be polite when they met Lu

Shiyuan.

However, Lin Shanchu dared to challenge Lu Shiyuan.

This was something Qi Cheng had never expected.

Ding!

The elevator door opened.

Just when Qi Cheng was about to go in, he noticed the two women beside him remained motionless. He raised his head and saw Tang Qidai standing in the elevator.

Tang Qidai did not show a surprised look when she saw Lin Shanchu.

“Shanshan is here.”

Clearly, Tang Qidai had rushed over after receiving news of Lin Shanchu’s arrival.

Lin Shanchu glanced at Tang Qidai with a half-smile. “How’s your friend recovering in the hospital?”

Qi Cheng and He Xiang did not understand what Lin Shanchu said, but Tang Qidai was well aware.

Lin Shanchu was talking about Jiang Ziyu.

Back then, Tang Qidai and Jiang Ziyu had discussed the plan and both of them felt that it was foolproof.

However, Lin Shanchu was unscathed after the incident, whereas Jiang Ziyu was sent to the hospital in critical condition.

Tang Qidai’s face turned pale.

However, she still pretended to be innocent. “Shanshan, you’re really well-informed.. Which friend of mine is hospitalized? How come I don’t know?”

Chapter 188: Spit It Out, Or Else Get Lost

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Lin Shanchu did not expose Tang Qidai.

“If that friend of yours were to hear your words, he would probably recover a little slower.”

Jiang Ziyu was devoted to Tang Qidai in the extreme.

In Tang Qidai’s eyes, Jiang Ziyu was probably just an obedient lapdog.

One was willing to be on the giving end, whereas the other was willing to be on the receiving end. There was nothing strange about the two of them.

“I don’t understand what you’re talking about!” Tang Qidai felt extremely guilty, but she still refused to admit it.

Tang Qidai was well aware that it would be extremely difficult to deal with Lin

Shanchu after this failure.

Jiang Ziyu was currently lying in the hospital, and Tang Qidai could not produce any evidence that could link Lin Shanchu to his injuries.

Therefore, she could only pretend that nothing had happened.

However, she still had a long way to go. She would always find another chance to deal with Lin Shanchu.

Now, Lu Shiyuan would continue to side with her as long as she denied the fact that she and Jiang Ziyu had plotted to harm Lin Shanchu.

As long as Lu Shiyuan was still on her side, she would have plenty of opportunities.

Tang Qidai walked past Lin Shanchu and quickly left the scene.

Therefore, she did not notice He Xiang standing beside Lin Shanchu.

He Xiang entered the elevator and pressed the floor selection button. Her gaze turned toward the direction where Tang Qidai had left.

She had been Tang Qidai's assistant for half a year.

It had only been two months and she had only gotten a haircut and a new hairstyle, but Tang Qidai failed to recognize her earlier.

Tang Qidai felt a sharp gaze behind her, so she abruptly turned her head.

The elevator door closed at that moment.

Tang Qidai did not see He Xiang.

She thought that Lin Shanchu was the one staring her back just now.

That poor wretch, Lin Shanchu, only dared to stare at her back with such a gaze.

As long as Lu Shiyuan was on her side, Lin Shanchu would never be able to do anything to her.

Tang Qidai smiled disdainfully and walked straight to Lu Shiyuan's office.

She met Zhou Yan at the office entrance.

Zhou Yan was about to bring the coffee into the office, but Tang Qidai took it from him.

"I'll just bring it to Brother Shi Yuan."

Tang Qidai pushed the door open and entered the office without giving Zhou Yan a chance to speak.

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Tang Qidai placed the coffee in front of Lu Shiyuan. When she saw that Lu Shiyuan had not noticed her, she stood in front of the desk and stared at him unhappily.

Lu Shiyuan thought that the person who came in was Zhou Yan, so he did not even raise his head.

“Spit it out, or else get lost.”

His voice was so cold that it was abnormally terrifying.

“Brother Shiyuan, it’s me...” Tang Qidai trembled in fear.

There was a hint of grievance in her gentle voice.

Only then did Lu Shiyuan raise his head.

Lu Shiyuan’s expression softened when he saw the person standing in front of him was Tang Qidai.

“Why are you here?”

“I’m here to see you. Don’t you want me to come and see you?”

Tang Qidai pouted and acted coquettishly with Lu Shiyuan.

“No.” Lin Shanchu had angered Lu Shiyuan during the meeting just now and his anger had not subsided, so he was not in a good mood.

On a second thought, Tang Qidai said, “I saw Shanshan on my way here just now.”

Tang Qidai noticed that Lu Shiyuan’s gaze changed when she mentioned Lin Shanchu’s name.

She felt a little annoyed for some reason.

She knew that b\*tch Lin Shanchu was different in Shiyuan’s heart.

No matter what that b\*tch Lin Shanchu did, Shiyuan would spare her.

Because of that, Tang Qidai was in a hurry to make a risky move so that Jiang Ziyu would deal with her.

But now, she still had to continue playing an empathetic role in front of Lu Shiyuan.

“Shanshan has been eliminated, so she must be in a bad mood. Don’t take her words to heart and upset yourself.”

Lu Shiyuan looked at Tang Qidai with a gentler gaze. “You’re always so kind.”

“I just hope that the three of us can get along well,” Tang Qidai said sincerely as she held Lu Shiyuan’s hand.

Lu Shiyuan calmly withdrew his hand. “Alright, I still have things to do. I’ll accompany you for dinner after I’m done.”

The smile on Tang Qidai’s face froze for a moment before returning to normal.

“Alright.”

When Lin Shanchu brought her people to the artist director’s office, Kong Suyi was there too.

Kong Suyi was discussing Tang Qidai’s business deals with the director.

Lin Shanchu stood by the door and overheard them.

Instead of a discussion, it was more like Kong Suyi unilaterally giving out orders.

“I don’t think these business deals are worthy of Daidai’s status at the moment!”

“Besides, none of the scripts that the company gave Daidai is worth seeing! It’s not like you don’t know that Daidai only takes on leading roles with her status...”

“These are the business deals and scripts that I’m going to negotiate on behalf of Daidai. Director, please take a look. If you find it difficult, then you can only ask Daidai to look for CEO Lu.”

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As he spoke, he even threatened her.

Lin Shanchu turned her head and asked He Xiang next to her, “What’s the director’s surname again?”

The artist director was just a nobody in the script without a name at all.

Both Qi Cheng and He Xiang had worked in Lu Corporation before.

However, Qi Cheng had left Lu Corporation three years ago. The entertainment company had frequent personnel transfers, and perhaps the director had already changed.

“Her surname is Xuan,” He Xiang immediately replied. Lin Shanchu pushed the door open and entered the room.

“Director Xuan.”

“President Lin.”

When the director saw Lin Shanchu, her eyes lit up.

Kong Suyi was bossy and domineering in the company.

Although she was the director, she had to be wary of Kong Suyi, who was Tang Qidai’s manager because she could not afford to offend her directly.

However, Lin Shanchu was different.

She did not even care about President Lu, let alone Tang Qidai’s manager.

Kong Suyi’s expression immediately changed after she turned around and saw

Lin Shanchu. She unwillingly greeted, “President Lin.”

The director had already stood up when Lin Shanchu entered the room.

Kong Suyi was still sitting on the sofa opposite her.

Lin Shanchu did not say anything, but she just stared at Kong Suyi.

He Xiang was very observant. Seeing this, she said, “Sister Kong, President Lin and Director Xuan have something to discuss. You should give way to her.” After the incident last time, Kong Suyi had been a little afraid of Lin Shanchu.

She hurriedly stood up. “President Lin, please sit down.”

Then, she looked at He Xiang who was talking.

After seeing He Xiang’s face, Kong Suyi’s expression changed drastically. “He Xiang!”



“Sister Kong, you manage to recognize me.” He Xiang’s eyes were cold.

Kong Suyi looked at He Xiang, then at Lin Shanchu. ‘You...’

Lin Shanchu said lazily, “Please sit down.”

He Xiang and Qi Cheng sat down.

“President Lin, what would you like to drink?” the director asked eagerly.

“No need, I’ll leave after I’m done talking.” Lin Shanchu chuckled.

No one paid attention to Kong Suyi. She just dilly-dallied at the side and did not leave the room.

“Go ahead.” The director sat down.

“Give me a copy of project list that Tang Qidai has been negotiating recently,”

Lin Shanchu said..

Chapter 189: Lin Shanchu, Mind Your People!

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Although the director was a little puzzled, she was sensible enough not to ask further questions.

“Miss Tang’s manager just gave me the project list.”

The director stood up and took the project list that was place aside and handed it to Lin Shanchu.

“President Lin... what is the meaning of this...” Kong Suyi sensed that something was wrong and almost called out Lin Shanchu’s full name.

No one paid attention to her.

Lin Shanchu received the project list and did not even look at it, but she just asked, “Are these the collaborations that Tang Qidai has been looking forward to recently?”

“Miss Tang’s manager just gave these to me. I think they are probably some collaborations that Miss Tang is interested in.”

The director looked at Kong Suyi. “You’ll have to ask Miss Tang’s manager for the details.”

Kong Suyi noticed that someone finally paid attention to her, so she quickly walked over.

“These are the collaborations that Daidai is going to negotiate later. Actually, there’s no need for negotiation. With Daidai’s popularity, we can sign the contracts immediately as long as we agree to the terms and conditions.” Kong Suyi sounded extremely confident.

It was not because she was confident in Tang Qidai's popularity, but she was more confident in Lu Shiyuan as her backer.

Ever since Tang Qidai's debut, Lu Shiyuan would help her get any role or business deals that she wanted.

Qi Cheng vaguely sensed Lin Shanchu's intention and asked, "They're all still under negotiation and not a single contract has been signed, right?" "Yeah," replied Kong Suyi nonchalantly.

Lin Shanchu handed the project list to Qi Cheng. "Then I'll have to trouble Brother Qi to help me with the negotiation."

Kong Suyi realized that there was something wrong with her words.

She asked loudly, "What do you mean by getting your manager to do the negotiation

"Of course, my manager is going to help me with the negotiation. Why would he help Tang Qidai?" Lin Shanchu laughed as if she had heard a joke.

After she finished laughing, she said with a look of disbelief, "I'm not Lu Shiyuan."

The director was speechless as she heard those words.

Wasn't it a bit too arrogant for President Lin to brazenly snatch Tang Qidai's resources?

Kong Suyi was speechless as she helplessly stared at Lin Shanchu and the others leaving the room.

She followed closely behind them and took out her phone to call Tang Qidai.

"Daidai, something bad happened..."

The artist management department was huge. Lin Shanchu casually headed toward the elevator with Qi Cheng and He Xiang.

Both Qi Cheng and He Xiang were former employees of Lu Corporation.

They met many familiar faces along the way.

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Especially Qi Cheng, he had been Jing Ming's manager for five years and had many old acquaintances in the company.

Before they reached the elevator, they ran into Tang Qidai and Lu Shiyuan.

Tang Qidai was next to Lu Shiyuan, looking pretty despite the red-rimmed eyes.

Lu Shiyuan stepped forward and asked, "Lin Shanchu, what do you want?"

"A fair competition with Tang Qidai." Lin Shanchu blinked innocently. "Didn't Kong Suyi tell you when she tipped you off?"

"Enough! You've been bullying Qidai since you were young. So many years have passed, but you haven't changed at all!" Lu Shiyuan's tone was filled with disappointment.

"I'm tired of hearing these words."

Lin Shanchu was really sick of hearing it.

Ever since she was young, she had to take the blame no matter what Tang Qidai had done to her.

She would be considered bullying Tang Qidai whenever she resisted.

Lu Shiyuan clenched his fists. “When will you be kinder and stop targeting

Tang Qidai?”

“You’re wrong. I’m not targeting Tang Qidai.” Lin Shanchu sneered and retorted seriously, “I’m targeting you and Tang Qidai.”

“You...” Lu Shiyuan was stunned.

Lin Shanchu leaned forward slightly and whispered to him, “Lu Shiyuan, you didn’t think that I was all talk when I said those words in the office earlier, did you?”

Lu Shiyuan could not remember how long it had been since he and Lin Shanchu were at close quarters.

His heart skipped a beat, and he could not come to his senses for a while.

Tang Qidai panicked when she saw Lu Shiyuan’s dazed expression, so she walked over and tried to push Lin Shanchu away.

He Xiang had been paying attention to Tang Qidai. When Tang Qidai approached Lin Shanchu, He Xiang was one step ahead trying to block her. Tang Qidai’s anger surged in her hearts when He Xiang blocked her.

When she looked up again, she recognized He Xiang.

“It’s you...”

When He Xiang and Tang Qidai’s eyes met, she recalled the night Tang Qidai beat her up.

Even so, she suppressed her fear and looked Tang Qidai in the eye.

Tang Qidai sneered, raised her hand and slapped He Xiang hard.

Who did He Xiang think she was? How dare she stop her!

She may not dare to lay a hand on Lin Shanchu, but she could deal with this insignificant b\*tch.

Smack!

The sound of a slap echoed in the corridor.

Everyone looked over.

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The memories of that night instantly flooded He Xiang’s mind, such that she trembled in fear.

Tang Qidai pretended to panic and looked at Lu Shiyuan pitifully. “Brother Shiyuan, I didn’t want to hit her. She scolded me first. I really couldn’t hold it in anymore, so...”

Lu Shiyuan had been distracted by Lin Shanchu’s approach, so he did not notice if He Xiang had scolded Tang Qidai.

However, he had always blindly believed in Tang Qidai. Naturally, he would think whatever Tang Qidai said was true.

Lu Shiyuan immediately turned around to comfort Tang Qidai. "It's okay. Don't be afraid."

Lin Shanchu was used to such scenes.

Qi Cheng was shocked as he witnessed this scene for the first time.

He was the closest to He Xiang, so he knew very well that He Xiang had not made a sound from the beginning to the end.

One could not help but marvel at Tang Qidai's poker face and her ability to distort the truth.

"He Xiang! What's wrong with you?" Qi Cheng noticed He Xiang's abnormality and quickly walked forward.

He Xiang trembled all over with cold sweat breaking out on her forehead.

Qi Cheng also saw He Xiang's injuries on that day. Therefore, he immediately understood what had happened.

Lin Shanchu also walked over.

She looked at He Xiang expressionlessly.

She was afraid, helpless, and powerless to put up resistance.

She saw her past self in He Xiang.

One would not fall into despair if they were just bullied and disappointed.

One would fall into endless despair only when they were unable to put up resistance.

Therefore, all of them should resist regardless of the means.

After Lu Shiyuan comforted Tang Qidai, he said coldly, "Lin Shanchu, mind your people!"

Lin Shanchu did not seem to hear his words.

She turned her head. She then walked up Tang Qidai and slapped her hard across the face.

The employees who dared not get close and secretly watched them from afar were stunned upon witnessing this scene.

The scene was so quiet that one could even hear the sound of a pin dropping on the ground.

Tang Qidai was dumbfounded as she felt a buzz in her head.

It took her a long time to come to her senses.

She opened her mouth in a fit of rage and was going to scold Lin Shanchu.

However, she immediately retracted her curses when she looked up and saw Lu Shiyuan standing at the side.

Tears gushed down Tang Qidai's red-rimmed eyes as she said, "Brother Shi Yuan, Shanshan.... She slapped me..."

## Chapter 190: Silly Girl, Why Didn 't You Dodge It?

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No one saw it coming.

Tang Qidai had been a third wheel in between Lin Shanchu and Lu Shiyuan for many years, and the public had been following the drama for many years.

Recently, Lin Shanchu had shown signs of counterattacking.

She had gotten into a conflict with Tang Qidai in public, but this her first time laying hands on Tang Qidai in public.

It was somewhat unexpected, but people felt that “the day had finally come”. Lu Shiyuan glared at Lin Shanchu in disbelief. “Apologize to Qidai!”

“If you still have any shame, you should ask Tang Qidai apologize to Hexiang first.” Lin Shanchu smiled contemptuously.

Lu Shiyuan gritted his teeth as he asked, “If that assistant of yours had behaved herself and hadn't spouted nonsense, would Qidai have hit her?”

When did you hear He Xiang scolding Tang Qidai?” Lin Shanchu looked at the employees who were watching them from afar and shouted, “Did you all hear that?”

Lu Shiyuan also followed Lin Shanchu's line of sight.

The employees were enjoying the drama unfold.

Some bold people were even holding their phones to record videos.

However, they ran away in fear when Lu Shiyuan looked over.

They could tell their lives were more important than watching the drama unfold.

“No one answered.” Lin Shanchu averted her gaze with a smile on her face and said mockingly, “No one can prove that He Xiang scolded Tang Qidai.” Lu Shiyuan frowned slightly and began to have doubts.

He Xiang was just an assistant, yet she dared to scold Tang Qidai in front of him?

Lu Shiyuan's silence made Tang Qidai panic.

“Brother Shiyuan, I can let her get away with this slap, but I can't accept this groundless slander!”

She pulled Lu Shiyuan's arm and bit her lips, pretending to be wronged.

Distressed flashed past Lu Shiyuan's eyes as he said, ” Qidai, don't worry. I won't let anyone bully you or let you suffer any wrongs.”

Tang Qidai weakly threw herself into Lu Shiyuan's arms and bawled, as if she had suffered a great grievance.

Lu Shiyuan coaxed Tang Qidai before pointing his finger at He Xiang.

"You there, apologize to Qidai."

Lu Shiyuan had been in charge of Lu Corporation for many years and had the aura of a superior.

Even Lin Shanchu was afraid of him deep down, not to mention He Xiang.

He Xiang had already calmed down.

She bit her lip and stared intently at Tang Qidai. Her heart filled with anger and hatred, to the point that she did not even realize that blood was seeping out of her lips.

Lu Shiyuan's current lofty attitude was exactly the same as when Tang Qidai had beaten her up on that day.

The fear in the depths of his heart once again broke through He Xiang's psychological defense.

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"Yes..."

He Xiang was unable to control herself and was about to apologize.

However, Lin Shanchu held her hand as soon as she opened her mouth.

She looked at Lin Shanchu blankly.

Lin Shanchu stood in front of her.

"Lu Shiyuan, you really can't change your habit of bullying women, can you?"

Lu Shiyuan cared about his dignity the most, so Lin Shanchu's words were undoubtedly touched a sore point with him.

"Shut up!" He clenched his fists again.

"Right. Anyway, this is not your first time bullying women without knowing right from wrong."

Lin Shanchu looked at Lu Shiyuan provocatively.

"B\*tch!" Lu Shiyuan raised his hand in a fit of rage.

Lin Shanchu could have dodged it.

Her heart and her brain were sending her messages to dodge it.

However, she seemed to have been nailed to the spot and could not move at all.

She even closed her eyes reflexively.

However, the expected slap did not land on her face.

"Lu Shiyuan, why are you like this? How could you lay your hands on such a beautiful girl?"

Hearing the familiar voice, Lin Shanchu opened her eyes.

Huo Chaosheng held Lu Shiyuan's arm in mid-air and turned to smile at Lin Shanchu.

“Silly girl, why didn't you dodge it?”

Just like her, Huo Chaosheng always wore a poker face and was good at disguising himself.

It was clearly an insincere smile, but no one could detect any flaws in that smile.

Lin Shanchu did not like this side of herself, and she hated this side of Huo Chaosheng.

However, she felt that Huo Chaosheng was not that much of an eyesore at that moment.

Lin Shanchu did not smile, but she looked calm as she said seriously, “I'll definitely dodge it next time.”

Huo Chaosheng was obviously taken aback because he knew that people like them often spoke more sincerely when they were not smiling.

But soon, Huo Chaosheng smiled again.

“I said you're a silly girl, but you really took it to heart and even intend to do it again.”

He smiled and spoke in an unrestrained tone like a playboy.

Back in the training camp, Lin Shanchu had more than once heard the trainees talk behind Huo Chaosheng's back that he had the most charming look.

Lin Shanchu's lips twitched expressionlessly. “Society is dangerous. Scumbags are always everywhere, aren't they?”

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“Oh.” Huo Chaosheng pretended that he had been taught a lesson.

The two people chatted for a long time as if no one else was around. Finally, Lu Shiyuan got the opportunity to speak.

First, he flung Huo Chaosheng's arm away.

“Huo Chaosheng?”

Huo Chaosheng took two steps back. He then crossed his arms and sized up Lu Shiyuan as if he was evaluating a product.

“You are Lu Shiyuan?”

Lin Shanchu's gaze swept back and forth between the two of them.

How did Lu Shiyuan and Huo Chaosheng get acquainted?

Noticing Lin Shanchu's confusion, Huo Chaosheng took the initiative to explain himself. “He wanted to sign a contract with me, so I came to his company to have a look, but I didn't expect you'd be here. Fate really brought us together.”

Huo Chaosheng spoke seriously.

Lin Shanchu almost believed him, but she saw the smile in his eyes.

Huo Chaosheng's statement was probably a half-truth.

It was true that Lu Shiyuan wanted to sign a contract with Huo Chaosheng.

After SOF disbanded, Huo Chaosheng returned to the country and had yet to sign a contract with any company.

With Huo Chaosheng's popularity, any company that signed a contract with him would prosper significantly for sure.

Lu Shiyuan was now at the stage where he wanted to make achievements and regain power.

Before Lin Shanchu could say anything, Lu Shiyuan said to Huo Chaosheng, "Let's talk in my office."

"Sure," Huo Chaosheng replied.

Lu Shiyuan led Huo Chaosheng to the elevator.

Lin Shanchu and the others also wanted to leave.

The ascending elevator arrived first.

Huo Chaosheng followed Lu Shiyuan into the elevator.

Just when Lu Shiyuan was about to press the button to close the door, Huo Chaosheng suddenly poked his head out.

"Silly girl, why aren't you coming in?"

Lin Shanchu was standing in front of the other elevator and looking up at the elevator floor display as if she had not heard anything.

He Xiang gently nudged Lin Shanchu's arm and reminded her in a low voice, "Sister Lin, I think Teacher Huo is calling you."

Lin Shanchu heard him, but she had to pretend that she did not hear him.

If she responded to Huo Chaosheng, wouldn't she be admitting that she was a silly girl?

She was not stupid.

"The elevator is here." Lin Shanchu stepped into the elevator.

He Xiang and Qi Cheng turned around and bade farewell to Huo Chaosheng. "Goodbye, Teacher Huo."

Huo Chaosheng had a high status. Lin Shanchu could ignore him, but the two of them did not dare to do so..