

## **The Fake 241**

### **Chapter 241: The Second Female Lead Was Changed**

Shi Xi frowned slightly and felt that something was wrong.

The makeup artist said, "Miss Shi, your makeup is done. Do you want me to do your hair now?"

Shi Xi removed the clip from her hair and said, "Wait a moment."

She wanted to see what Nan Wan was up to first.

Not only did Nan Wan come, but she also bought milk tea for the entire cast and crew.

When she saw Shi Xi, Nan Wan personally took a cup of milk tea and handed it over. She smiled and said, "Xi Xi, drink some milk tea."

Shi Xi took it and asked, "What are you doing here?"

The corners of Nan Wan's mouth curled up slightly. "Of course, I'm here to film."

Shi Xi swirled the milk tea in her hand and stared at Nan Wan. "I don't remember any other roles in this cast and crew for you to play."

The main female role in [Nine Blades of Tang] had already been decided, and Nan Wan's heart was as high as the sky. How could she be willing to be the fourth female lead?

Nan Wan's smile did not change as she approached Shi Xi and whispered in her ear, "Shi Xi, you're just a nobody with no background. Don't dream of becoming famous overnight."

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Shi Xi narrowed her eyes.

At this moment, Nan Wan had already retreated.

The producer of "Nine blades of Tang" appeared on the set and announced, "I have an announcement. Nan Wan will be the second female lead of "Nine blades of Tang", Tang XI.

Makeup artist, remember to give Nan Wan Tang Xi's makeup, clothes, and jewelry. Don't Forget!"

Hearing this, everyone was shocked.

Then, everyone looked at Shi Xi.

"Second female lead, isn't it Shi Xi?" Someone asked softly.

When the producer saw Shi Xi appear, he frowned and said, "Shi Xi? Why are you here?"

Shi Xi chuckled. "If I didn't come today, I wouldn't have known that I had been replaced."

The producer laughed and said, "Shi Xi, haven't you been busy with your schedule recently? I haven't had the chance to tell you about this."

Shi Xi looked up slightly. "The producer is really busy. He's busy picking up new people and doesn't even know to inform the elderly."

The producer swallowed his saliva and looked at Nan Wan. "Didn't you say that you would inform Shi Xi about this?"

Nan Wan covered her mouth and said in surprise, "I saw Xi Xi in the hotel elevator yesterday. I already told her!

I didn't expect her to come today. I thought she was here to welcome me!"

Everyone's gaze fell on Shi Xi again.

They had already informed her to change people. Why did she still come?

Shi Xi thought of Nan Wan's words last night and the corners of his mouth curled up slightly.

No Wonder Nan Wan was in such a good mood last night. It turned out that she had snatched her role.

At this moment, director Yan arrived and said sternly, "Why are all of you gathered together? Don't you need to work?"

Someone said softly, "Director, the second female lead has changed."

Director Yan was surprised. "Huh?"

The producer laughed and brought director Yan to the side. "Director Yan, it's like this..."

The two of them went to the side and whispered something.

Nan Wan chuckled and instructed, "Continue to distribute milk tea."

The entire set was extremely quiet.

Shi Xi lowered her head and called Han Chuan to ask what had happened.

She had already memorized all her lines. She had been on set for almost a month and had filmed dozens of scenes!

Now, the role's makeup photos had been released and the promotional film had been released!

But now, she was told that the role had been snatched by someone else?

Her state of mind had collapsed!

When Han Chuan heard the news, he was also extremely shocked. But Han Chuan was indeed an experienced person in the industry. He quickly calmed down and said, "I'll go and ask around. Don't be rash."

Shi Xi looked at the arrogant Nan Wan and took a deep breath. "I'm not rash."

She just wanted to beat her up!

**Chapter 242: The Compensation of Two Million, Was It All For Me?**

This was like a greenhouse strawberry that had been painstakingly planted for a year. It was about to ripen and could be picked.

In the end, the greenhouse collapsed.

Not a single strawberry could be eaten.

They even lost strawberry seeds and a greenhouse.

Shi Xi's eyes darkened. Very soon, she received a call from Han Chuan.

"The person behind Nan Wan invested 50 million to change the role of the second female lead," Han Chuan said seriously, "We invested 20 million back then. Now the production team has agreed to return the money we invested and will pay another two million in compensation."

Shi Xi asked, "The two million in compensation, is it all for me?"

Han Chuan: "???"

After a moment of silence, Han Chuan said, "The company's higher-ups are discussing whether to increase the investment to 60 million yuan to protect your role."

"With this 60 million yuan, we should be able to direct a movie by ourselves, right?" Shi Xi felt a little sorry for the money.

"When you become famous, you'll be able to earn back the money." Han Chuan suddenly sighed and said, "I'm just afraid that they won't look at money."

Shi Xi didn't say anything.

Nan Wan was a member of Yanjing's entertainment industry. The director and producer didn't want to offend the people behind Nan Wan either.

And Nan Wan had already given these people a lot of face by bringing money into the team this time.

Shi Xi suppressed the unwillingness in her heart and said, "Forget it. If I can get 2 million, I'll still make a profit."

"It just so happens that I have to prepare for the stage of [Star Idol] recently. If the scenes here are gone, they'll be gone."

"Since the company has the 20 million yuan, they can directly form a team for me and let me play the female lead!"

Han Chuan said, "Alright."

From the company's perspective, Han Chuan wasn't willing to spend so much money just for a supporting actress.

"Oh right, don't tell my brother about this." Shi Xi added, "If it's a replacement, then it's a replacement."

Han Chuan was slightly surprised. He didn't expect Shi Xi to be so sensible. "I'll tell President Shi that I have other arrangements for you."

Shi Xi: "Let's put it this way."

If she had used 60 million yuan to fight for the role of the female lead, Shi Xi would have given it a try.

But this was just a supporting actress.

Shi Xi and Han Chuan both felt that it was not worth it.

On the other side, Director Yan and the producer were having a heated argument and almost started fighting.

Shi Xi let Zhu Lin pack up her things and prepared to leave. She was glad that she did not change her clothes.

Otherwise, it would not look good if she was dejected.

Zhu Lin was indignant as she packed up her things and cursed Nan Wan in her heart.

Nan Wan had already walked around the set once and returned. She sat on Shi Xi's seat and said with a smile, "Oh right, I just arrived today and haven't gotten the script yet."

"Xi Xi, give me your script. You're useless anyway."

She was disco dancing in a minefield.

The staff felt that it was not too much for Shi Xi to slap her now.

However, Shi Xi only gave a faint smile and said, "I'm sorry, I can memorize my lines very quickly. I never bring a script with me."

Nan Wan's face stiffened.

Zhu Lin added fuel to the fire by the side. "It can't be. You're already in the group, and you haven't even memorized your lines?"

Nan Wan maintained her smile. "I don't want to memorize it too early. If the role is changed, it wouldn't be good."

Both her words and tone were mocking Shi Xi for not being able to keep her role.

Shi Xi smiled as well. "Looks like Sister Nan Wan has been robbed of her role many times and gained some insights!"

The smile on Nan Wan's face froze.

Shi Xi continued, "But I'm still young. I memorized those lines after reading them twice."

"Sister Nan Wan, your acting hasn't improved. Are you worried that your role will be snatched away and you don't dare to recite the lines?"

“You!” Nan Wan could not say anything to refute, and she was so angry that she widened her eyes and clenched her hands.

### **Chapter 243: All the Scenes That Shi Xi Had Shot Were Reshot or Deleted**

Shi Xi brushed her hair and said, “Don’t worry. You have enough time to memorize your lines today.”

Nan Wan looked at Shi Xi’s expression and didn’t quite understand the meaning of Shi Xi’s words.

Shi Xi walked past Nan Wan and prepared to leave.

At this moment, a staff member came in with a big bouquet of flowers.

The roses were so red that people couldn’t ignore them even if they wanted to.

“Miss Shi Xi, these are flowers for you. Please accept them,” said the staff member.

Shi Xi thought it was sent in by a fan and took it with a smile. “Thank you. Take it as my final bouquet.”

“Thank you for taking care of me during this period of time. We’ll work together again if there’s a chance in the future!”

The staff waved goodbye to Shi Xi one after another.

Seeing Shi Xi leave, Nan Wan felt a wave of displeasure in her heart.

In her plan, Shi Xi should have run away with her tail between her legs, instead of leaving so gracefully, as if she had just finished filming a character.

Shi Xi got into the car. Seeing the card on the rose, she opened it and took a look.

[Wishing you all the best — Xie Yunzhou]

Shi Xi was slightly stunned.

She thought it was a gift from a fan, but it turned out to be flowers from Xie Yunzhou.

However...

Everything didn’t go well today!

Holding the flowers, Shi Xi felt much better.

If it weren’t for this bouquet of flowers, she would have left in a very sorry state.

“Xi Xi, are we going back to the crew’s hotel now?” Zhu Lin poked her head out and asked.

“That’s right. Let’s pack up and go back to Feng City,” Shi Xi said.

Zhu Lin said unwillingly, “Are we just going to leave like this?”

“They’ve already spent 50 million yuan. What’s there to compete about?” Shi Xi said, “Let’s go back to Feng City as soon as possible and prepare a stage for the finals.”

“Then we should go to Yanjing.” Zhu Lin was puzzled.

“Aren’t I homesick?” Shi Xi said, “Where can’t I learn how to dance?”

Zhu Lin shut up.

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The cast and crew of [Nine Blades of Tang].

Director Yan and the producer had a fierce argument.

But in the end, he still lost in front of capital.

All the scenes that Shi Xi had filmed were refilmed or deleted.

Director Yan suppressed his anger and returned to filming.

After Shi Xi left, Nan Wan had already changed into Tang Xi’s clothes and had her hair and makeup done.

The other actors came one after another. When they saw that the second female lead had changed, they were all a little surprised. When they heard the inside story, they could only close their mouths.

When Mu Zhao saw Nan Wan’s appearance, she wanted to give her a few words of warning. However, when she thought that this person was Nan Wan, she decided to shut up.

Nan Wan had changed her clothes. When she saw Director Yan coming over, she took the initiative to greet him. “Hello, Director Yan. I’m Nan Wan.”

Director Yan looked Nan Wan up and down and said coldly, “Dye your hair back to black before coming over to shoot. Also, you are not allowed to wear contact lenses and fake eyelashes when you shoot my scenes in the future.”

After saying that, Director Yan returned to his director chair and lit a cigarette. “All departments, ready.”

Nan Wan had never been ignored like this before. She held the hem of her skirt and walked up to Director Yan and asked, “My hair color is very close to black. It won’t affect me, right?”

Director Yan was suppressing his anger when Nan Wan directly bumped into the muzzle of the gun.

Nan Wan herself didn’t know yet, so she continued, “Besides, I’m short-sighted. I can’t not wear contact lenses.”

Director Yan took out his cigarette and berated, “I’m filming a period drama! Don’t you feel ashamed to appear in a period drama dressed in modern clothes?”

“Even Shi Xi knew to dye her hair black before coming here. You have a head of yellow hair. Do you think you’re very impressive?”

“Also, what’s wrong with being short-sighted? Can’t you film if you can’t see clearly? Filming your close-up is to film your eyes. In the end, you wore contact lenses. What should I film?”

“You’re going to film a scene in the rain, but you’re not going to remove your false eyelashes? Are you going to save your eyes from the rain?”

## Chapter 244: What Are You Playing At?

The barrage of curses left Nan Wan stunned on the spot.

Director Yan took a puff of his cigarette and suppressed the dissatisfaction in his heart. He looked at Chu Yuan on the set and said, "Chu Yuan, I've asked you to prepare for half a day. Are you not ready yet?!"

Chu Yuan, who had been implicated innocently, made a gesture to indicate that he was ready.

Nan Wan stood behind Director Yan and was dragged away by her assistant.

"Then, don't I have to shoot today?" Nan Wan turned around and asked her assistant.

The assistant whispered, "I heard that Director Yan is very strict. Let's dye your hair back to black first."

Nan Wan was dumbfounded.

Just as she was changing her clothes, Nan Wan suddenly thought of Shi Xi's words.

[Don't worry, you have enough time to memorize the lines today.]

So, did Shi Xi see that her outfit today wasn't suitable?

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Nan Wan gritted her teeth. Her hatred for Shi Xi grew.

Shi! Xi!

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"Achoo!" Shi Xi hugged her clothes tightly. "Has the temperature dropped?"

"Maybe someone is scolding you behind your back." Zhu Lin snorted. "I've never seen anything like this! It's already been a month since the shooting started, and they can still change characters!"

"Alright, the old ones won't go, and the new ones won't come." Shi Xi quickly adjusted herself and said, "Brother Han said that they will give me a million dollars in compensation this time, and I'll give you a red packet when the time comes."

Zhu Lin: "...I'll contact the dance studio in Feng City first to choreograph a dance for you for the finals."

Shi Xi: "And make an appointment to practice dancing."

Zhu Lin made an OK gesture.

When the two returned to Feng City, Han Chuan personally came to pick them up.

"I didn't handle it well this time." When Han Chuan came to pick them up, he promised Shi Xi, "There won't be such a thing in the future."

"It's okay, we've taken the compensation!" Shi Xi smiled and comforted him. "I don't want to pursue some star-rated drama. Just arrange a female lead in a small production team for me. The male lead doesn't have to be too good either. Chu Yuan's style will do."

The guilt in Han Chuan's heart vanished into thin air.

Chu Yuan is fine?

Big Sister, are you still asleep?

Chu Yuan was the youngest Best Actor. His character, strength, and looks were all top-notch in the industry.

Chu Yuan was the best of the best.

"Kuai Xue is preparing to invest in a homemade drama to test the waters. If the script is good, I'll give it to you." Han Chuan regained his expressionless face.

"Sure!" Shi Xi said straightforwardly, "Send me home first. I'm tired after a whole day's journey."

Han Chuan sent Shi Xi home. He thought of something and said, "I heard that President Shi has been very busy recently and has been in meetings. I sent him a message about you coming back. He hasn't replied to me yet. He might not have seen it yet."

Shi Xi narrowed her eyes. "It's fine."

As long as Ning Yu wasn't home, she didn't care how she sought death.

When Shi Xi returned home, she rushed into the living room. "Is anyone here? Is anyone here?"

"Xi Xi, why are you back?" Mother Shi was sitting on the sofa, knitting. When she saw her beloved little daughter coming home, her eyes were filled with surprise.

"It's vacation time!" Shi Xi sat on the sofa and asked, "Are you playing with your knitting?"

Mother Shi: "...This is a sweater for you!"

Mother Shi had nothing to do at home. Seeing that the temperature was about to drop, she bought a large pile of wool and knitted a sweater for her family.

"Such a big sweater. Is it for me or my brother?" Shi Xi didn't quite believe it.

"Isn't the loose-fitting version popular now?" Mother Shi pretended to be angry and knocked Shi Xi's head with a wool needle. "You little heartless one. Tell yourself, do I love you more or your brother more?"

Shi Xi said without hesitation, "Love my brother."

She deserved to be hit.

**Chapter 245: He Shouldn't Have Gone Home Today**



When Shi Xu returned home, he saw his sister and mother sitting on the sofa. The two of them were discussing a melodramatic TV series while knitting.

“Brother, you’re back.” Shi Xi wanted to raise her hand to greet him, but the knitting needle flew away.

Shi Xu caught the knitting needle and asked, “When did you come back? Why didn’t you tell me?”

Shi Xi said, “If I want to come home, then I’ll come home! Give me the needle.”

“What are you knitting?” Shi Xu handed over the knitting needle.

“Xi Xi is going to make you a scarf,” Mother Shi said with a smile.

Shi Xu looked at the semi-finished sweater in Mother Shi’s hand and then looked at the woolen money in Shi Xi’s hand and fell into silence.

“Are you complaining that I’m not good at knitting?” Shi Xi asked.

“I just think that you should knit a scarf for Mom and Dad first before knitting for me.” Shi Xu thought that if she knitted two scarves first, she would at least have experience with the third one, right?

Shi Xi raised her head and said, “Mom likes to wear silk scarves. Dad said that you’ve been working very hard recently, so he asked me to knit one for you first.”

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Shi Xu: ?!

He was careless!

As expected, the older the wiser!

Shi Xi sighed. “You’re just complaining that the scarf I knitted is not good-looking.”

“Why would I?” The corner of Shi Xu’s mouth twitched. “As long as it’s made by you, I’ll like it.” If worst came to worst, he wouldn’t wear it out.

“Then when I’m done, will you wear it out?” Shi Xi’s eyes flashed with anticipation.

Shi Xu: “...Yes.”

He shouldn’t have come home today.

Mother Shi was knitting a sweater. She said, “Xi Xi, I’ll leave a few holes on the side of the sweater. When the time comes, I’ll buy those little bears or rabbit dolls and stuff them in. I’ve seen many sweaters sold in the mall with this style. It’s really beautiful.”

“Okay, okay!” Shi Xi said, “Then I’ll leave some holes in the scarf that I knitted for Brother. I’ll also stuff a little bear for Brother.”

Shi Xu: ...Let me off.

Shi Xu looked at the scarf that Shi Xi knitted and thought to himself, ‘You don’t need to leave any holes. The holes that you knitted are big enough.’

“Then let’s go shopping tomorrow and buy some winter clothes for you,” Mother Shi said.

Shi Xu couldn’t help but say, “It’s just autumn now.”

“It’s better to be prepared,” Mother Shi lectured. “Buy winter clothes now and put them on when it’s cold. You don’t even know that...”

Shi Xu surrendered. “I’ll go drink some hot tea.”

Shi Xi: “Mom, I think you’re nagging.”

Shi Xu: !

Help!!

Shi Xu hid on the other side of the sofa and turned on his phone. After reading Han Chuan’s message, Shi Xu knew why Shi Xi had come back.

Looking at Shi Xi who was playing with her wool on the sofa, the coldness in Shi Xu’s eyes faded and was replaced with gentleness.

It was good that she had come back. He could not take care of the production crew who had caused her to suffer outside.

He might as well wait for the production of Kuai Xue’s homemade drama to come out. When that time came, others would not look down on her.

At the same time, the news of Shi Xi’s role being replaced was quickly spread online.

#Nan Wan is the second female lead of [Nine Blades of Tang]#

[What the f\*ck? Isn’t it Shi Xi? The promotional film and makeup photos have been sent out. How can they change them day in and day out?]

[I went to take a look just now. The official Weibo deleted the promotional film and makeup photos from before... Tsk, looks like Nan Wan has snatched this role away.]

[Nan Wan is amazing. As expected of the Little Princess of Yanjing’s circle.]

[Isn’t Shi Xi too miserable? I remember that she has been in the production team for almost a month and had shot dozens of scenes. She was replaced just like that!]

[Ah, I was really looking forward to Shi Xi’s role. That look back and smile felt so good.]

[Shi Xi’s acting is so bad. If she was replaced, then she was replaced. It can only be said that the director has good taste and switched to someone with good acting skills.]

## **Chapter 246: When People Are Unlucky, They Can’t Get Any Resources**

[Yeah, back when Shi Xi joined the crew, she took more than ten NGs for a single scene. With her own strength, she slowed down the progress of the entire crew. The program team finally couldn’t help but change Shi Xi.]

[In terms of acting skills, Nan Wan is better. After all, Nan Wan studied acting and had previously acted abroad.]

After being trended, many of her friends came over to ask Shi Xi if this was true.

Wen Yao: [I just accepted a role recently. There's an outstanding villainess supporting actress. Do you want to come over and give it a try?]

After receiving the concern and recommendation from her friends, Shi Xi was touched and rejected it.

Shi Xi: [There's no need. I need to prepare for the stage of the show. I'll be joining the production team that my company will cast next month.]

Wen Yao: [Sure, the production team of my company doesn't have that many tricks up their sleeves. I'm also joining the production team now. If you have time in the future, you can come over and make a guest appearance.]

This was the gentleness that Wen Yao had sent over.

Yun Guanghe: [I can't believe it was stolen. This won't do, Little Sister.]

Shi Xi: [...]

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Yun Guanghe: [Do you want to come over and film with me? It just so happens that my female lead hasn't been decided yet. We can form a CP.]

As he said that, he even shot the script in his hands.

On it was written the male lead: Yun Guanghe.

Shi Xi said, [Congratulations on getting the role of the male lead, but your female lead should have been decided already, right?]

Yun Guanghe sighed. [It was originally decided, but she ran away before the filming started.]

Shi Xi: [??]

Yun Guanghe said, [I heard that she was a mistress for someone else, but the wife found out about it and she fled the country overnight.]

Shi Xi: ???

Wasn't that a little too outrageous?

[Our director is in a hurry to find someone to save him right now,] Yun Guanghe said seductively. [Do you want to come over and give it a try?]

Seeing that he wasn't joking, Shi Xi asked, [Can I join the set now?]

Yun Guanghe said, [That's right. We've been filming for a week and have been shooting other people's scenes. We haven't shot a single scene for the female lead.]

Shi Xi was a little tempted. [Then should I give it a try?]

Wen Yao had recommended a female supporting role, so she could easily reject it.

But this was the female lead's script!

Yun Guanghe said straightforwardly, [Alright, I'll go and talk to the director. It wouldn't be a loss for you to come over for an audition.]

Ten minutes later.

Yun Guanghe said regretfully, [Little Sister, you're too miserable. The director just found someone to come and help us. The plane leaves tomorrow morning.]

Shi Xi: "..."

If someone was unlucky, they wouldn't be able to get any resources.

Coincidentally, there was a knock on the door. Shi Xi said that she was fine and ended the conversation.

After opening the door, Shi Xi saw that it was Shi Xu standing outside the door.

"Brother, what's the matter?" Shi Xi asked obediently.

"Can't I come over to see you if there's nothing?" Shi Xu walked into the room and said, "I know that you were robbed of your role."

"Brother, are you here to comfort me?" Shi Xi's eyes curved as she smiled and said, "It doesn't matter. I didn't film that character for long anyway, so I'm not really sad."

Shi Xu patted Shi Xi's head and smiled gently. "It's good that you're not sad. The company is already forming a team for you. When the time comes, the role of the female lead will definitely not be any worse than that one."

Shi Xi clenched her hands and said excitedly, "Thank you, Brother."

What could be happier than the female lead?!

"Right, even if you're filming outside, you can't delay your homework. If you fail this semester, I'll suspend all your jobs next semester, do you understand?" Shi Xu said half of it as a request and half as a threat.

"...I understand."

Shi Xi's happiness instantly disappeared.

### **Chapter 247: Thank You For Being the Best Brother In the World!**

Shi Xu looked at Shi Xi with a smile in his eyes.

He actually didn't agree with Shi Xi going to film.

In his opinion, Shi Xi was only 18 years old now, and should be a carefree little princess. Now was the time to go to school, and Shi Xi should properly absorb knowledge in school.

Originally, Shi Xi's life plan was to study hard. When she graduated from university, she would directly enter the company and work as a part-time job.

If Shi Xi was ambitious, he would let Shi Xi come into contact with some projects. If she didn't have management skills, then the Shi family could support her for a lifetime.

Now, it seemed that his sister had a career that she liked. Although Shi Xu didn't agree or like it, since his sister liked it, he was willing to let her try it out.

"Rest early." Shi Xu saw that the scarf was already half-knitted at the head of the bed, and the corner of his mouth twitched. "Don't stay up late."

Don't knit it so quickly!

He could not put it on outside!

Even if it was a scarf that his beloved sister had personally knitted, he still felt that he could not put it on!

Shi Xi seemed to have heard Shi Xu's thoughts and said, "Don't worry, I will definitely knit the scarf that I'll give to Brother before I leave home!"

Shi Xu: "...Good night."

This was all there was to repay kindness with enmity.

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After sending Shi Xu off, Shi Xi heard her phone vibrate and picked it up to take a look.

It was a transfer from Shi Xu.

500,000.

There was also a note below: shopping for clothes

Shi Xi: [Thank you, the best brother in the world!]

'I will have the money to buy clothes tomorrow!'

Just as Shi Xi was thinking about what clothes to buy, Xie Yunzhou called.

Oh?!

Why did Xie Yunzhou call?

Was it because she had received flowers during the day, and didn't she thank Xie Yunzhou?

Shi Xi answered the phone. "I received flowers. They look very nice."

"It's good that you like them." Xie Yunzhou looked at the message on the computer and said, "Where are you now?"

“At home. I just came back today,” Shi Xi said lazily.

Almost all of her friends knew that her role had been changed.

Could it be that Xie Yunzhou had also heard about it, so he called to comfort her?

“Are you free tomorrow? Let’s have a meal together,” Xie Yunzhou said plainly.

Shi Xi hesitated.

She was going to make an appointment with the big villain when she came back...

“I’m going shopping with Mom tomorrow,” Shi Xi declined tactfully.

Xie Yunzhou paused for a moment and said, “Qingshui Restaurant has recently launched a whole crab banquet.”

“Then let’s eat together tomorrow night!” When Shi Xi thought of the whole crab banquet, her eyes lit up. “The whole crab banquet at Qingshui Restaurant should be very delicious!”

Hearing the girl’s expectant voice, Xie Yunzhou couldn’t help but smile. Then, he thought of something and said, “...Then, I’ll pick you up tomorrow night.”

“Let me go to Qingshui Restaurant directly.” Shi Xi only heard the last words and said, “I’ll see you at Qingshui Restaurant.”

The two of them had a normal dinner date, and neither of them mentioned anything about the troubles at work.

After hanging up, Xie Yunzhou leaned back in his chair, deep in thought.

Xie Yunzhou called his assistant. “I won’t renew the contract with the Nan family. I’ll find another supplier.”

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Shi Xi thought about the all-crab banquet tomorrow and had a good night’s sleep.

Previously, she had been working non-stop in the production team, and there was almost no time to rest.

Now, she could finally rest well.

She slept until dawn. Shi Xi stretched and looked at the time.

It was time to get up and have lunch.

Father Shi and Shi Xu had already gone to work. Only Mother Shi was still on the sofa at home, knitting a sweater.

“Good morning.” Shi Xi looked at the kitchen. “Is there still breakfast?”

Mother Shi was knitting a sweater. “Don’t eat breakfast. Put on some makeup and have lunch. Then, I’ll bring you to the mall.”

Shi Xi felt wronged. "Mom, do you think I don't look good without makeup?"

Mother Shi: "I'm afraid that someone will take a photo of you when you go out looking like this."

No doubt about it.

### **Chapter 248: In Front of You Was Not An Actress Who Had Been Shoved Into the Group, But 50,000,000**

Shi Xi had just been changed into a new role. If she went out shopping without any makeup and was photographed, it was inevitable that she would be said to have lost her resources and become pale.

The more it was at this moment, the more energetic and full of vitality she needed to be!

Shi Xi's eyes lit up. Her spirit, which had been dispirited by the whole crab feast that she had missed out on, instantly had a fighting spirit.

She had to put on beautiful makeup!

While Shi Xi was full of fighting spirit, Nan Wan was not having an easy time.

Nan Wan's manager had collected Director Yan's preferences and requirements, and told Nan Wan to be obedient and not to contradict him.

Although they were leading a funding team, Director Yan was very talented. If she could act the role of the second female lead according to Director Yan's requirements, Nan Wan's manager believed that Nan Wan would definitely be popular when the show aired.

Thinking that she could beat Shi Xi in the future, Nan Wan endured it.

At this moment, Nan Wan had already dyed her hair back to black at Director Yan's request. She handed her makeup to the makeup artist and memorized her lines seriously, preparing for a new day of filming.

The first thing they had to do was reshoot Nan Wan's makeup photos.

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They were clearly the same set of clothes, but Shi Xi wore them elegantly. Nan Wan looked very out of place when she wore them.

Nan Wan had studied dance before, so her figure and shape were not bad. Although her appearance was not as good as Shi Xi's, Nan Wan could still be considered a little beauty in the entertainment industry.

Her hair was dyed black, and she did not wear false eyelashes. What was wrong with her?

Director Yan stared at the camera for a long time before finally patting his forehead.

How could he have forgotten?!

Other than these external changes, there were also the eyebrows of the actresses!

Director Yan said, "Make-up artist, fix Nan Wan's eyebrows again."

The make-up artist whispered to Director Yan, "Director Yan, Nan Wan's eyebrows are tattooed. There's no way to fix them."

Nowadays, the female celebrities in the entertainment industry were influenced by the aesthetics of foreign countries. They liked to draw their eyebrows into one-line brows. Some people would directly tattoo their eyebrows for convenience.

But this way, it was difficult to change their make-up.

As for Nan Wan, she had her eyebrows tattooed. It was much more convenient for her to put on makeup normally.

However, it was not possible for her to act in an ancient costume drama.

"Can't you cover it up?" Director Yan frowned.

The makeup artist said, "The makeup will feel heavy, and you can still see it in close-up."

Thinking of the investment of 50 million, Director Yan forcefully suppressed his temper.

'If you are angry, there will be no one to replace you if you get sick from anger.'

'In front of your eyes, it is not an actress who was stuffed into the group, but 50 million yuan.'

'Think about how many exquisite props you can buy with this 50 million yuan, how many excellent actors you can hire, and how many good screenwriters you could find to polish your script.'

"Try your best to suppress it." Director Yan took a deep breath and endured this grievance.

Director Yan was extremely strict with the makeup of ancient costumes. The makeup artist of the crew would trim the eyebrows of the actress very fine and draw curved willow-leaf eyebrows.

However, Nan Wan's eyebrows were tattooed, so there was no way to trim them.

In the end, the makeup artist used concealer to cover the tattooed eyebrows and repainted them.

After a long struggle, the makeup photo was finally taken.

Next, it was time to reshoot the content of the promotional video.

[Tang Xi walks in the rain, holding an umbrella and looking back.]

This simple look was a clip of Shi Xi becoming a god, and it was widely circulated on all the major video websites.

Nan Wan had naturally seen this clip before, so she secretly swore in her heart that she would do better than Shi Xi!

However, just because she thought well in her heart, it did not mean that Nan Wan could do it well.

Nan Wan held an oil paper umbrella as she walked on the flagstones.

After hearing Director Yan's voice, Nan Wan slowly turned around and smiled at the camera.



“Don’t smile so deliberately. Smile more naturally. All departments, get ready. Let’s do it again.”

### **Chapter 249: The Man’s Mouth Was Full of Lies!**

Nan Wan heard Director Yan’s words and went back to her original position. She did it again.

“Don’t shake your head. You don’t have to shake your hair for this scene. Tang Xi is the gentle white moonlight. She won’t make such a big move.”

“Don’t just turn your head. Even your upper body has to turn around.”

Nan Wan still didn’t meet Director Yan’s standards.

Hence, this action was filmed over and over again.

At the beginning, Nan Wan was still thinking, ‘It doesn’t matter. Shi Xi had also Nged dozens of times back then. To shoot such a good scene, what does it matter if I NG a few more times?’

But in the end, Nan Wan smiled until her face was stiff. Director Yan was still not satisfied.

“Why is your smile so forced? Have spirit in your eyes! Don’t look so bitter!”

After filming for more than 50 times, Director Yan was already irritated. He wasn’t a good-tempered person to begin with. It was only for the sake of money that he became a little more patient.

However...

The producer had previously told him that Nan Wan had graduated from a proper art academy and studied acting. Furthermore, she had studied acting overseas and her acting skills were definitely better than Shi Xi’s.

From the looks of it now, it was all a f\*cking lie!

A man’s mouth was full of lies!

He would rather have Shi Xi act!

Although Shi Xi’s acting skills were bad, she was very agile. As long as he taught her, she would be willing to learn.

Shi Xi had previously joined the production team and acted in school dramas before. She had basic acting experience. Moreover, she was very sensitive to the camera. As long as she stood on the set, Shi Xi would naturally be able to stand in the best position on the camera.

This kind of talent was not something that ordinary people could possess.

Even some veteran actors had to go through two to three years of research before they could find a good position.

This was the so-called sense of the camera.

However, Shi Xi seemed to have been born for the screen. As long as she stood in front of the camera, even if she did not shoot well, it would make people unable to move their eyes away.

Therefore, although Director Yan often lectured the female lead, he actually liked actors like Shi Xi very much. He had taught Shi Xi a lot of experience in acting, not to mention that Shi Xi was shameless enough to ask questions and was very eager to learn.

Then, he looked at Nan Wan, who was like a wooden stake.

Director Yan was so angry that he didn't even want to speak.

Actors who were trained in acting naturally had some acting skills. However, Nan Wan's skills were too strong. If she didn't have talent and aura, she could only be an ordinary actress.

But what he wanted was not an ordinary actress, but a Tang Xi who had aura!

"Let's take a ten-minute break. Nan Wan, take a look at the scenes you've shot and look for any problems you have." Director Yan had already told Nan Wan all of her problems, and now he had Nan Wan sit in front of the camera and watch.

Nan Wan looked at the scene where she was Nged, and she was ashamed.

Her smile was indeed unnatural, and her eyes didn't have that kind of beautiful light.

"Let's add another light board. If there is light, it should be a little better," Nan Wan said. "Light it up a little more."

Director Yan was very disappointed when he heard Nan Wan's words.

Using the light and the light board could indeed make the eyes reflect light.

However, that kind of light did not come from the bottom of the eyes. It was not the feeling that he wanted.

Director Yan wanted Nan Wan to find out her own shortcomings in acting, but Nan Wan would only find out the reason from the outside.

"Forget it, Shi Xi used this scene before. If you shoot it again, you'll inevitably have to compare yourself to her. Let's change to another scene." Director Yan gave up on shooting this scene.

No matter how much he shot it, he would not be satisfied.

It was better to change to another scene.

This time, Director Yan gave up on the scene of the promotional video and directly let Nan Wan shoot the first scene.

## **Chapter 250: Alex... Was It Ning Yu's Vest?**

[Tang Xi opens an umbrella and talks to Chu Yuan.]

But Director Yan neglected one thing.

Opening an umbrella and raising one's eyes and talking to Chu Yuan was also a test of one's acting skills.

Thus, the scenes of the previous NG scenes kept repeating.

One shot took an entire day.

It wasn't done yet.

It wasn't done until after work.

The smile on Chu Yuan's face could no longer be maintained.

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When Shi Xi was putting on her makeup, her phone vibrated.

She looked over and realized that it was actually a call from Shuo Nan.

This dance god was actually looking for her?

What was going on?

Shi Xi picked up the call and turned on the speakerphone. She asked, "Little Brother, what's the matter?"

Shuo Nan: "...You should be younger than me, right?"

"It's just a form of address! Don't worry about such details," Shi Xi said.

"Have you thought about the collaboration I mentioned last time?" asked Shuo Nan.

Shi Xi's mind went blank.

Shuo Nan had mentioned collaboration?

When?

Hearing the silence on the other end, Shuo Nan added, "The final of [Star Idol], the matter of our stage collaboration! You haven't considered it at all, have you?"

It had to be said that Shuo Nan's suspicion hit the nail on the head.

"How can that be? Of course I was seriously considering it!" Shi Xi put on her makeup as she rejected him. "I don't have as good a foundation in dance as you. If I were to collaborate with you, my weakness would be too obvious."

Shuo Nan was a man of few words. "Come over, I'll teach you."

"Practice a few more days and you'll be able to go on stage."

Shi Xi: "..."

"I'm preparing to do a solo myself." Shi Xi rejected him outright and said, "Oh right, Shen Hanquan seems to be looking for someone to collaborate on the stage. Why don't you find him to give it a try? Both of your dances are so good. If you were to collaborate, it would definitely explode!"

Shuo Nan was not the least bit interested in Shi Xi's suggestion. "He's preparing his own singing and dancing. He won't be collaborating with me."

Shi Xi felt regretful.

She still wanted to see the two handsome men dance together on stage!

She could only look forward to the next time.

The next time would definitely be the next time.

After putting on her makeup, Shi Xi received another call from Zhu Lin.

"Xi Xi, there's a dance at the dance studio that will be very enjoyable to watch. However, the choreographer said that the song is Alex's, and he needs to get Alex's permission before you can perform on stage." Zhu Lin whispered, "I originally said that I would buy the copyright, but the choreographer said that Alex has never given any permission to any commercial stage."

Shi Xi: "Then let's change to another dance."

Why go all out with this one?

"None of the others are as good as this one!" Zhu Lin insisted. "Besides, Alex's 'Shadow' has never been on stage before. If you can perform on this stage, you'll definitely attract fans!"

Shi Xi did not understand.

Under Zhu Lin's explanation, Shi Xi roughly understood some of it.

Alex was a well-known music god in the industry. Her songs were so popular that she opened short videos, and eight out of ten of them used her songs as BGM.

If she could get Alex's song license, she would be rich and famous.

Shi Xi thought of something and asked the system, 'Alex... is it Ning Yu's vest?'

She hadn't thought of it at first, but when she heard Zhu Lin brag so much, she knew that it was definitely not ordinary.

System: [It's Ning Yu's vest.]

Shi Xi was deep in thought. 'If it's Ning Yu's song, she should be willing to license it to me, right?'

The system said in silence, [Aren't you overthinking it? Your relationship with Ning Yu seems to be quite ordinary.]

Shi Xi said, 'Let's give it a try!'

With that thought in mind, Shi Xi said to Zhu Lin, "Contact them for the copyright issue and say that I want to perform it."

Zhu Lin hesitated. "Will it work? I heard that even when Nan Wan spent a million yuan, she still couldn't make Alex yield."

