

The Queen 266

Chapter 266: Another Thread

Ordinary people can go viral on the Internet for no real reason at all.

Sometimes, just because someone is good-looking, he or she might accidentally become popular.

Many Internet celebrities on LovMusik who became famous because of their good looks did ordinary jobs before it all started. After their talent was discovered by others, they became popular online.

A platform like LovMusik provided a shortcut to fame for such people.

Usually, people who became popular in this manner would shortly disappear from the spotlight. After a few days, they might be supplanted by the next person to go viral.

Moreover, many influencers' reputation was not good. Most of them were just ordinary people before they became famous. When they got involved in scandals, they could get canceled very quickly.

However, Su Cha was different. She was currently a TV show contestant, and the platform Dreams in Progress

was different from others. Su Cha was also a capable person. The video of her beating up a pervert on the subway had made her quite popular.

Su Cha was fairly popular within Yonggu City, but her popularity in the hotbed regions like the Imperial Capital was not comparable.

At the very least, many people would have an impression of her when they saw her.

Young people also usually paid some attention to such popular people. Of course, most of them were just following the trend.

However, on the day of the competition, when the national top 100 contestants gathered in their respective divisions, Su Cha had suddenly risen into the top 20, which was the best proof of how popular she had become.

She was the only contestant from Yonggu City who had made it into the top 20. The other contestants were veterans who had been participating in this competition for several years or had transferred from other platforms. Su Cha was being supported by loyal fans and had a solid foundation. Naturally, she could not be underestimated.

Even Mona had been suppressed.

Of course, popular people were often the subject of gossip. With the sudden increase in Su Cha's popularity, several discussions were generated.

Among them were malicious rumors and speculations.

For instance, on the famous gossip forum, World APP:

[Dreams in Progress has been hyped up this year. Before the national competition has officially started, a contestant has become popular on LovMusik?]

High farsighted (OP): "The annual talent show Dreams in Progress has started again. I feel that the show has changed since the announcement of the group competition. But at least it has retained its popularity.

"However, before the national competition this year even began, a contestant has started to become popular on LovMusik. LovMusik is indeed in vogue lately. Other than Weibo, this app is at the top, and through it, this contestant also found a way to become popular. In the past, the Top 20 was always dominated by contestants from popular contest areas, and it was very difficult for contestants from local contest areas to make it in. As this contestant has become popular on LovMusik, her popularity was now in the Top 20. From the looks of it, her ability is not bad. This hype is not a loss."

2L: "Don't use LovMusik"

3L: "End this thread with the second post"

4L: “This contestant is indeed strange. I’ve watched her videos several times after she suddenly became famous in LovMusik these past two days. She has a beautiful face and a story. The angle is very strange. It’s not surprising that she’s popular, is it? I listened to her singing, her voice is really good. She is quite capable.”

5L: “But I heard from a friend that the fatty in the video is really a pervert. He often appears on that metro line. The police have given him a warning several times, but they were unable to arrest him due to insufficient evidence. I don’t think it’s a form of sensationalization.”

6L: “It hasn’t even started, but why are people coming forward to whitewash her? The point of Dreams in Progress is to see ordinary people working hard to become the champion. Sensationalizing herself before the show starts is quite shameless. She has also been exposed by the other contestants for having a bad temper.”

7L: “She’s a top student! She’s really qualified to be a top student! Do you want to know who the liberal arts champion in Jiang’an Province is? Her college entrance examination score has directly broken all the liberal arts records in their province!”

Chapter 267: Congratulations

Before the competition began, Su Cha posted a thread.

After all, she was mentally prepared to become a public figure. It was not strange for her to send messages.

And to begin with, Su Cha was already mentally strong. Even after she saw the netizens’ posts, she smiled.

However, she had to keep something in mind.

Such discussion forums, which was a mixture of malicious speculations and fans’ whitewashing, was already quite alright. It was better than dealing with people with malicious intentions who started with nasty words right from the onset.

Whenever Su Cha was scrolling through Weibo, she’d often see celebrities being framed and bashed by others who did not like them. Although there were fans supporting them, the methods of those

haters were so strange and vicious that they were hard to believe. Those who did not know better would think that this celebrity had desecrated the other party's grave.

Sometimes, the reason why the anti-fans would slander a celebrity was that the celebrity did not like him in any way, or that she had said the wrong lines in the drama.

The world of flammers had never had a need for rationality.

Su Cha was currently on the verge of losing her fame. It was obvious that this group of people had started to spread malicious rumors about her.

From the examples of celebrities before her, Su Cha was mentally prepared for the current reality within the entertainment industry, so she was calm when she saw these discussions.

There were people she disliked, but there were also people she liked. It was impossible for a person to be perfect.

Today was the day of the semi-finals. The contestants had to start preparing early, so Su Cha arrived at the venue early in the morning.

Today's competition would not be broadcasted live. Instead, it would be edited after the broadcast and officially uploaded to the internet to show the audience.

But there were still many audience members present.

Entering the venue of the competition, Su Cha saw the huge stage. The lighting, dance, audio, and other equipment were all worthy of the fame of this established program. They used only the best for their set.

The production crew behind Dreams in Progress was backed by a well-known television station. They were wealthy and had no lack of money, and the productions were at least not lacking in funding, not to mention how this famous show had its popularity as a safeguard.

After all the contestants had entered the competition venue, the backstage started to get busy.

Unlike in the competition in Yonggu City, there were many contestants backstage. There were dozens of busy makeup artists and stylists to ensure that every contestant would look their best before they went on stage to perform.

While Su Cha was having her makeup done, Mona sat next to her.

“Su Cha, you are now so popular online. Congratulations.”

Mona’s smile was natural and bright. It was hard for anyone to find it disgusting.

Even the makeup artist could not tell that something was wrong.

To the contestants, fame was the goal. Who among them wasn’t participating in the show to become famous?

Music programs were meant to fulfill some people’s dreams, but in the end, it was all about popularity.

Now that Su Cha’s popularity was rising steadily, it naturally attracted the envy of others. Sometimes, luck really wasn’t clear-cut.

In the eyes of many contestants and production crew, Su Cha was at the very least a lucky contestant.

Su Cha glanced at Mona indifferently. Aside from what happened at the beginning, Mona’s attitude during the rest of the competition had been quite good. Basically, no one would think that she was someone who was not quite like other people.

Chapter 268: The Act of Hitting Someone Is Really Cool

Her first impression was that Su Cha did not like Mona.

Upon hearing Mona speak, Su Cha looked straight at the mirror, her chin being lifted by the makeup artist, and said softly, “Thank you.”

She was polite and distant.

Basically, if one were smart, one would be able to tell that she was being completely cold.

Mona pursed her lips and smiled, but she did not say anything.

The two makeup artists looked at each other meaningfully.

Now that the competition had just begun, it seemed to them that these two contestants from the same division were on bad terms.

However, Su Cha was still young and had just graduated from high school. The two makeup artists felt that she might just be too young to hide her emotions.

But they also gossiped. Mona seemed to be a very warm and generous person who had a good relationship with many contestants. How could she have offended contestant Su?

Of course, she would not ask even if she wanted to know the gossip.

After Su Cha's makeup was done and she got up, Mona subconsciously glanced at her.

Although she was reluctant to, she had to admit that anyone who looked at Su Cha at first glance would be stunned.

Her bare face was duller than when she had makeup on. However, Su Cha's aura was strong enough to make people praise her for her natural beauty.

The makeup was not heavy. The makeup artist had skillfully highlighted Su Cha's best features, especially her eyes. Her eyeliner was lightly drawn, her eyelashes were thick and long, and her eyes were bright. With a light blink of her eyes, her eye sockets would appear exquisite and deep.

She was really a beauty blessed by the heavens. Moreover, she was pure and natural. Her every move was an ingrained quality that others could not imitate.

In such a noisy environment, Su Cha's existence was like a small world. It was quiet and peaceful, and there was a glittering light that seemed to be able to make time fall in love with her. It was as if she was wearing a filter that made her perfect for the times. Meanwhile, others looked boring.

Though it's true plastic surgery was popular nowadays, it was very noticeable when compared to Su Cha, who was clearly all natural.

Even so, no one would directly say that in this competition, there were more or less a few contestants whose faces had gone under the knife.

For people pursued only beauty.

Mona clenched her fists as she looked at Su Cha.

She was dressed in a European style, and her makeup had always been thick, so getting it done took longer.

Su Cha stood up and left without saying anything to her.

Even her movements were free and nimble.

The makeup artist who had applied makeup on Su Cha just now couldn't help but sigh in admiration. "That girl is really beautiful. And she's not just beautiful, she's also very charming. She's young and rich, and her singing is also good. It's hard for the heavens not to make her popular this time."

Mona maintained her smile as she listened to the makeup artist's praises.

But only she knew how stiff her smile actually was.

People feared comparisons the most. This comparison was the kind that was accidental but omnipresent.

Su Cha glanced around the dressing room and found Le Anqi, who was still putting on makeup. She went over and saw that the girl was scrolling through her videos on her phone. Su Cha could not help but laugh. “How many times have you watched this video? Why are you still watching it?”

“Huh?”

Le Anqi was stunned. When she heard Su Cha’s voice, she attempted to raise her head only to be patted by the makeup artist. She could only look up and say excitedly, “Aren’t you still reminiscing? I didn’t think so at first, but after I’ve watched the video, I realized that you are actually quite dashing.”

She was really good at hitting people!

Chapter 269: Top 50 (1)

Su Cha: “It’s wrong to hit people.”

Le Anqi: “...”

The makeup artist: “...”

Le Anqi recalled the scene of Su Cha taking control of the gang with a stick. Looking at Su Cha’s stern expression, she was silent for a while. “Su Cha, are you serious?”

Su Cha: “Of course I’m serious.”

She chuckled. “Who did I do it for?”

Le Anqi felt a little embarrassed when she thought of the reason why Su Cha had hit that person. “It’s my fault...”

There were both good and bad things that resulted from this matter. Unexpectedly, Su Cha had become popular online after being filmed, but there were also many bad speculations that arose. For example, many people thought that Su Cha was trying to create hype.

Although Le Anqi knew that it was not true, no one would believe her.

Actually, she was a little angry. Was Su Cha someone who needed to create hype?

With the show's broadcast, her popularity would not be paltry. Moreover, Su Cha was the champion of the college entrance examination, and she sang well...

As she thought about it, Le Anqi smacked her lips. She felt that Su Cha alone would put a lot of pressure on other contestants.

After all, not many people could pass the national college entrance examination while participating in this competition.

"Is everyone ready? The competition is about to begin!"

A staff member came in to greet the contestants. The contestants whose makeup was done did not feel too stressed.

According to the order of the stage, Su Cha's competition would be held in the afternoon. But when other contestants performed, they had to watch from below the stage.

At this time, music started playing on the stage. Su Cha looked at the time. It was nine o'clock in the morning.

Ever since they arrived at the competition venue, they had been backstage the whole time. The situation in front of them was not visible.

"My guitar, quickly get my guitar..."

"I can't sing the lyrics well, it's so annoying!"

"You always forget your words..."

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The backstage was in a hurry. Many contestants were nervous and uneasy.

Although they had participated in several competitions, this one was a national competition after all. They were facing experts from the various divisions. Many of them were very nervous, including Le Anqi.

After the competition began, the contestants started to enter one after another. Le Anqi was separated from Su Cha due to the difference in the sequence.

She was nervous at first, but now that Su Cha was about to be separated from her, she was crying.

Su Cha pinched her palm. “Don’t be nervous, just do your best.”

Although the consolation did not seem to work, Su Cha’s words were very calm and comforting. Le Anqi felt slightly relieved after hearing it.

After they took their seats, the competition officially began.

They were sitting in the competition area. The audience was standing next to them and opposite them. The entire venue was relatively large. There were about a few thousand people present. The scene was quite shocking.

Every contestant tried their best to show their best side to the audience. At least they had to smile naturally and be graceful.

Su Cha was not doing it on purpose, but even if she was just sitting among the contestants, she was already eye-catching.

When the audience looked over, they could see Su Cha at once.

Still, there was a difference between the actual scene and what’s shown through the camera. Su Cha appeared magnanimous in the camera, but on stage, Su Cha’s aura of alienation was even more obvious. It felt like she was too noble to get close to.

She was much prettier in person, and her temperament was really good.

Many viewers sighed in their hearts. At first glance, they did not think so, but now that she was sitting with the other contestants, it was very obvious to them that Su Cha's aura was overpowering.

Some people secretly took pictures of Su Cha and prepared to post it on their social media.

After all, there were rules that pictures couldn't be released to the public, so one couldn't do it too obviously.

"Everyone, welcome to the venue of the Dreams in Progress national competition for the Top 50. Beside you are the top 100 contestants from the Five Lakes and Four Seas. Can you let our contestants greet everyone?"

The host started the screening process on stage. At the same time, the top 100 contestants appeared on the big screen. All of them were as beautiful as flowers. It was a pleasing scene. The audience screamed when they saw them.

The contestants also greeted the live audience. Su Cha waved her hands with them.

The audience's voices were louder than the fans'. A small number of them started to call out the names of the contestants they supported. It was a grand scene.

The host finally calmed down and started introducing the three judges.

During each elimination round, three judges would be invited. Just like in the local contests, the judges who'd appear in the last round would be more popular than in the previous ones.

"They are the music producer Quan Jia, the new Chinese representative Yue Shang, and the idol IOK group member, Zi You!!"

Every time she read a name, the audience would scream. Compared to those in the local division contests, the judges of the national division were famous.

Su Cha was a little surprised to hear Quan Jia's name. She did not know who the other judges were, but she did not expect Quan Jia to be a judge in the Top 50.

It was not easy for the production crew of Dreams in Progress to become a judge in the national division. It would appear Quan Jia's position in the industry was not lowly.

Music producers were not famous like performers were, but they still had some status in the industry.

As for Yue Shang, he was considered an established talented singer who had been popular in the past. It was not strange for him to take the lead.

Lastly, IOK's Zi You was a member of a popular group in China. He was still young. As a singer, he should have some professionalism. But having him appear as a judge was probably to create a topic of discussion and to raise popularity, as well as to draw in his fans.

Le Anqi's eyes lit up when she saw Quan Jia appear again. She subconsciously looked behind at Su Cha and nodded silently at her. Le Anqi turned her head happily.

She knew that Quan Jia really liked Su Cha.

However, Su Cha knew very well that no matter how much Quan Jia liked her, she could not control too many national competitions. It all depended on the contestants.

Yue Shang was tall and handsome. He was at the prime of his life. However, Zi You, who was standing next to him, appeared even more tender. He also looked like a fashionable pretty man.

The three judges appeared together, causing the audience to scream.

The contestants followed suit and screamed for Zi You and Yue Shang.

Su Cha did not feel anything about it. She just clapped along with everyone. Zi You greeted the audience and threw a flying kiss at the contestants. The contestants screamed and cheered. Among them, Su Cha, who was almost expressionless, was naturally very eye-catching.

This scene was quietly recorded by the surrounding cameras.