

The Queen 296

Chapter 296: Start, Show

A thick layer of carpet covered the washroom of the clubhouse, silencing one's footsteps.

Su Cha was about to enter when she suddenly smiled and said, "Is Secretary Tang going to the washroom too?"

Tang Keruo paused. Her eyes were no longer as calm as when she was facing the two big shots. Her gaze on Su Cha had become colder and sharper.

"Miss Su, you are so lucky."

Su Cha was surprised by her sudden words.

She tilted her head as if she was innocent. "I don't understand what you're saying. By 'lucky,' are you referring to my becoming Muye's girlfriend? If so, you're right, I do have a good life."

"Miss Su, you're just acting dumb now."

Tang Keruo glanced at her from head to toe. The girl's 18-year-old appearance was deceptive. Given Su Cha's superb acting skills, Tang Keruo could not tell if she really did not understand.

However, she suddenly smiled lightly. "Miss Su, do you really not know what the Tang Sect is?"

Su Cha frowned as if she was trying hard to think. "The Tang Sect is a sect—the kind that knows how to throw hidden weapons. However, those are found only in novels and TV shows."

"Ha."

Tang Keruo sneered as if she was about to turn around and leave. But in an instant, she faced Su Cha again and flipped her wrist. It was as if something cold shot out from her hand.

The girl did not look as if she was able to react in time. She turned around only when she heard a “Ding.”

A silver needle was pinned firmly on the wall. All the renovations done on the stone wall could not even leave a scratch on it, but the silver needle managed to get embedded in an unbelievable manner.

One could well imagine that if the needle had been thrown at Su Cha...

Su Cha turned around and looked at Tang Keruo in fear.

Tang Keruo's eyes narrowed when she saw Su Cha's expression. A trace of disdain flashed across her eyes before she chuckled softly. “Did you see that, Miss Su? This world is not what you think it is. Don't think that you can be so naive just because you have Young Master Bo's protection. You don't know what the Bo family represents. You can't take my uncle's revenge lightly.”

Su Cha was terrified. “Aren't you afraid that I will complain? You threatened me, Miss Tang!”

“Go.”

Tang Keruo did not care at all. She combed her hair and said, “Miss Su, I'm afraid you don't know who the Tang Sect is. Even if Young Master Bo can protect you, can he do so forever?”

After saying this, she went to pull out the silver needle. Then, she gave Su Cha a look of complete contempt and turned to leave. Her back was straight and strong, like that of a proud queen.

That cowardly Tigress under the protection of others was the reason her uncle got killed.

But Tang Keruo did not see that after she left, the girl behind her did not look afraid.

Su Cha lowered her eyes and chuckled.

The girl's laughter was like a silver bell that resounded in this environment.

Although she did not know who this Tang Keruo was, she knew that she belonged to the Tang Sect. The traitor of the Tang Sect was her uncle?

She said that she could not take her uncle's revenge lightly...

Su Cha was puzzled.

She had never killed anyone before. How could she be blamed over someone who had nothing to do with her?

Su Cha was suddenly a little excited. Deciding to continue with this performance, she intended to let them think that she was a tame Tigress next to Bo Muyi and slowly tease out the mysteries of this world.

Chapter 297: New Toy?

After she went to the washroom, she washed her hands and returned to the private room.

Tang Keruo stood there with a calm smile on her face, so perfect and formulaic.

Even after threatening Su Cha in the washroom, Tang Keruo still managed to smile calmly at her.

Su Cha met that smiling gaze that was, in truth, glacial. Her eyes flickered slightly as she lowered her head, as if she was afraid to meet Tang Keruo's eyes.

Bo Muyi had been paying attention to Su Cha since she returned, and thus he keenly noticed some changes. "What's wrong?"

As he spoke, he exuded a cold aura and glared at Tang Keruo.

Tang Keruo suddenly felt the man's fierce and bloodthirsty gaze. Her heart tightened and her scalp went numb.

This man was too scary.

If Su Cha really said something, Tang Keruo had a feeling that she would not be able to bear the consequences. She might even have to ask for mercy...

“No.”

As expected, the girl shrunk and walked to Bo Mui's side. She hugged his waist and whispered, “Maybe I'm just a little uncomfortable.”

She seemed to be in low spirits.

Tang Keruo smirked.

She was really timid. She was so scared that she dared not say anything.

“Then let's go back early.”

Bo Mui knew that it was normal for Su Cha to feel uncomfortable during special times, but...

His eyes darkened. Why did he feel that this little naughty fellow was hiding something?

Tan Yezhu looked at Su Cha with interest. “What's wrong? Did I make you feel uncomfortable in any way?”

Right, there's that. Su Cha had just arrived, so it was impolite of her to say such a thing.

She was not giving face to Tan Yezhu.

Su Cha lifted her head and glanced at Tan Yezhu carefully. Then, she shrank into Bo Mui's arms and whispered, “I'm just a little uncomfortable. I'll just sleep here for a while.”

Tan Yezhu observed Su Cha's expression.

This person clearly did not look like this when she first came in...

He looked up at his secretary, Tang Keruo.

Bo Mui was unhappy. His eyes darkened. "You are really talkative."

He then touched Su Cha's cheek. "Let's go back for now and meet him again next time."

He got up and Su Cha hugged his waist. She leaned against his arms and got up with him. Tan Yezhu shrugged indifferently. "Okay. I will stay for a long while this time around. I can come to the Lookout Pavilion to see you."

After saying that, he waved his hand and grinned. "Bye, Mui. I won't see you off."

His words were annoying.

Bo Mui ignored him and left with Su Cha.

When they passed by Tang Keruo, Su Cha glanced at her with a timid look.

After they left, Tang Keruo suddenly smiled and said, "Boss, what a cute little bunny, don't you think so?"

Tan Yezhu looked at her, supporting his forehead and raising the corner of his eyes devilishly. "Oh really? Has my dear Keruo found a new toy?"

Tang Keruo lowered her head and smiled. "It's not like I'd dare to be the girlfriend of the Bo family's young master. I just find this interesting."

Well...

Tan Yezhu nodded in agreement. "Be careful, Keruo. When a rabbit is anxious, it will bite."

Tang Keruo smiled confidently, thinking that the boss was just joking.

Tan Yezhu smiled meaningfully at Tang Keruo's confident look.

Chapter 298: Have You Thought About Acting?

"Are you really uncomfortable?"

After leaving the clubhouse and getting into the car, Su Cha immediately regained her composure.

Seeing her, Bo Mui smiled and tapped the tip of her nose. "Did you see something interesting?"

During the time that they'd been together, Bo Mui had come to understand Su Cha well enough. Although there were still those things that happened in the past, Bo Mui did not care. Su Cha would never really show that kind of face.

Of course, he also knew that she and Tang Keruo might have talked about something in the washroom.

Su Cha: "That secretary is someone's niece?"

"Yes."

Bo Mui nodded. He made no mention of who the traitor was nor what the Tang Sect was.

Su Cha did not ask him anything more. She just lowered her head and smiled as she thought of Tang Keruo.

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After the incident with Zi You, the production crew chose another celebrity to replace Zi You as a judge.

Perhaps because of their recent experience with Zi You, the production crew looked specifically for a capable celebrity. Although Zi You's matter did not have much to do with the production crew, Dreams in Progress was already getting a headache.

Their biggest headache was that this was not the first time a judge got in trouble.

One of the judges in Yonggu City's division, Yu Siqing, had also been exposed and had since disappeared from the industry.

Of course, it was nothing much to worry about if the incident involved an 18th-tier celebrity. While there were very few people in the entire entertainment industry, a scandal would have still been fine if it had happened at any time before the celebrity got involved in a certain project. Why must it happen at that particular time instead of others?

There were two instances of that happening to Dreams in Progress. Even if the show itself was not very influential, or perhaps not cared about much by people, it was still very much on their radar.

During the past two days, when Dreams in Progress was still screening the Top 50 contestants, Su Cha had gone to practice her songs. There, even Dai Xiaofu talked about the subject with Su Cha. "When I was chatting with Quan Jia, we talked about your show. They say the whole production team is not doing well. Two judges are in trouble, with both being involved in huge scandals. One of them is an 18th-tier celebrity and the other is from a popular group. Why is this happening? Is it a bad year?"

Su Cha smiled lightly. "You're thinking too much. Or rather, isn't it just a coincidence?"

Su Cha would not say that both things had something to do with her. Of course, the fewer people who knew, the better.

Dai Xiaofu pondered for a while. "That's not true. One of the judges who got in trouble was a judge from Yonggu City's competition area, wasn't it? I heard from Quan Jia that this judge had been targeting you since the start of your competition. I don't know how you offended that person, but Quan Jia said that the judge was an 18th-tier host who relied on unspoken rules to climb up the ranks. That judge deserved it."

Su Cha nodded and did not comment.

Dai Xiaofu looked at her and smiled. "It's good that you're like this now. Just concentrate on your competition. Don't worry about anything else. It will be beneficial for you if you can enter the top ten. But Su Cha, do you only want to sing or do something else?"

“Hm?”

Su Cha turned to look at her. “Why do you ask?”

Dai Xiaofu said, “You have to consider it carefully. The music industry is still in a state of decline. Since singing as an industry is not doing well now, it’s not easy to become famous. It’s not easy to meet a good producer and score great luck, so it’s quite difficult to continue on. Other than those singers who are already at the top, most singers choose to also dabble in television shows and walk both paths together. Have you thought about acting?”

Chapter 299: Some People Will Never Change

“Acting?”

Su Cha was a little surprised, but she quickly smiled. “I’m so focused on the competition that I haven’t thought much about it. What you said makes sense, but I’m not sure how well I could act.”

“So you’re not against it?”

Dai Xiaofu thought for a while and said, “Actually, I don’t know why I brought this up for you. The main reason is that I know a director in the industry. A few days ago, he said that a big production is about to begin filming. He is the assistant director, and almost all the actors have been decided on. But there is still one character that needs a girl with a clear aura to play it, and I thought of you. I didn’t know back then that you’d be interested in participating in this competition. If you want to act, I can recommend you to them.”

Dai Xiaofu used to be Teacher Sheng Le. It was not surprising that she knew Quan Jia, but Su Cha was surprised that she also knew someone in the entertainment industry.

Perhaps seeing Su Cha’s confusion, Dai Xiaofu laughed. “This director once shot an advertisement and asked me to teach vocals, so we got to know each other. He’s a nice person, or I wouldn’t have recommended you. Actually, this industry is very chaotic. I don’t want you to go, but...”

She felt that Su Cha would be buried if she just stayed in the music industry.

There were too few people who could become famous by singing nowadays. After the industry was impacted by Internet streaming services, it had been devastated. There were only a handful of singers who could maintain their best sales. If Su Cha joined only this side of the entertainment world, it would seem like a waste.

Now that Dai Xiaofu had heard about this opportunity by chance, she wanted Su Cha to give it a try. Even if she could not get the part, she wanted to give Su Cha some experience.

Dai Xiaofu thought it was simple. She would also become famous, but the entertainment industry was faster than the singing industry.

She did not want Su Cha to give up on Dreams in Progress, but an attempt at acting should not hinder her from doing that at the same time, right?

She wondered what Su Cha was thinking.

Su Cha thought about it for a while and did not reject the idea. “Okay, I can give it a try. I’ll just think of it as a chance to broaden my horizons.”

She just wanted to be casual in the entertainment industry. Whether it was singing or acting, if she did not try, how would she know if her path was going to be easy?

Hence, Su Cha did not refuse.

“Okay, I’ll call him and send your information and photos over. Do you mind?”

Su Cha shook her head. There would definitely be an interview in this segment, so how could she mind this much?

Seeing Dai Xiaofu helping her like this, Su Cha sighed in her heart. “You don’t have to be responsible for me, you know. Why would you want to help me like this?”

She was Su Cha’s mother, true, but in the end, that was just a title. Dai Xiaofu did not need to help her this way.

“What are you talking about, silly girl?”

Dai Xiaofu touched Su Cha’s head and looked at her lovingly. “I don’t have another daughter. I raised you back when you were so young. What I’m doing is just making random mentions, but for you, it’s an opportunity. If you want to enter the circle, I can help you with anything I can. Besides, I’m just giving you a chance. Whether you can grasp it or not depends on you. The other party will not give me face on account of our being friends, so if you really want it, you might as well give it a try.”

Su Cha had an indescribable feeling.

At the very least, she did not lose all hope in life. There were always people who were kind to her.

The world would change as she had changed, but some people in her world were constant.

Chapter 300: End of the Top 50

The opportunity given by Dai Xiaofu was an interview to play a small character in a big production drama.

Although it was a small character that did not have many scenes, it at least had something to do with the male lead. Strictly speaking, though, it could be considered a no-name character.

Due to the fact that the plot could not be leaked, Dai Xiaofu was not sure about what kind of story it was. She only knew that the news that this big production drama was happening was released a year ago, but it had only officially begun filming now. It was said that it had pulled in several hundreds of millions in investments alone.

It was considered a top-notch television drama production in the country.

It was called The Legend of the Crane.

Judging from the name, it should be a historical drama, but there was no emperor in history who was called the Crane Emperor. Moreover, this was an original script, so the entire story was unclear.

It was a big male-centered drama.

The director was the famous director, Han Yongbing. Other than that, there was no other information.

However, based on the information revealed, it was also known that the production of this drama was unprecedentedly grand, so it was definitely a good opportunity.

The role recommended by Dai Xiaofu was not an important character, but being able to show her face was a good enough opportunity for a newcomer like Su Cha. She was not even thinking about whether or not she could enter the entertainment industry.

It all still depended on Su Cha's capabilities.

After Dai Xiaofu called the assistant director, the other party said that even if it was a no-name character, there were many people targeting the role. Su Cha did not have much of an advantage. He merely asked Su Cha to audition in one month.

Half a month had passed.

Regarding that matter, Su Cha was not in a hurry, and it's fine even if she did not receive any information about this character.

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After a few days of competition, the National Top 50 contestants of Dreams in Progress

were officially selected. Le Anqi barely made it to the last place. Besides her, Mona, Jin Mou, Su Cha, and only four other contestants from Yonggu City had entered the Top 50.

Dong Yishan was naturally eliminated.

As soon as she came out, Le Anqi had called Su Cha, who was practicing martial arts in the basement. "Su Cha, I passed. I passed!!"

Le Anqi was so excited that she could not control herself. She said in a daze, "Amitufo, it's really God's blessing!"

Su Cha: "..."

"It's good that you passed. Congratulations."

Su Cha's voice was always calm. Now that Le Anqi had passed, she quickly toned down her excitement. "There were only three spots left in the holding area. I was the second to the last to pass. That was too close, but it's fine as long as I wasn't last."

She was optimistic. "Hahaha, and let me tell you, Dong Yishan has been eliminated. I saw her smiling so brightly."

Le Anqi, who disliked Dong Yishan, was overjoyed when she saw that the latter did not pass. The other party's expression was too wonderful!

As soon as Le Anqi finished speaking, Su Cha heard an angry voice from the other side of the phone. "Are you proud that I've been eliminated? How far do you think you can go? You're also going to be eliminated soon!"

Le Anqi exclaimed. Su Cha immediately reacted. It was Dong Yishan.

Le Anqi was caught red-handed, but she did not shy away from it. "Hahaha, that's okay, I can at least go on TV next week. I'll have to wait at least two weeks for the next elimination, just a little..."

Since they had already fallen out, Le Anqi did not give the other girl any face.

Hearing Dong Yishan's angry voice over the phone, Su Cha could not help but laugh helplessly.