

## The Queen 301

Chapter 301: Start Again

Le Anqi and Dong Yishan argued with each other. One of them was eliminated while the other was not. Dong Yishan was furious.

If Mona had not pulled her, they would probably have fought at the scene.

Le Anqi and Su Cha were talking on the phone, so she heard the noise clearly. When she heard Dong Yishan being dragged away, she said leisurely, "I thought you were going to fight with her just now."

"Who's fighting with her?"

Le Anqi curled her lips. "I know where we are. But Su Cha, we've both passed. Should we go out and celebrate?"

Su Cha chuckled. "Let's wait for the next time. I have to go to my voice class later, so I don't have much time."

"Okay."

Knowing that Su Cha was different from her, being a seeded contestant, Le Anqi did not force her to cut class.

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After the national Top 50 results came out, the production crew gave them time to rest. After a week, the national competition officially began.

It had to officially be broadcasted on television.

The advertisements for Dreams in Progress began to appear everywhere. Among them, the popular seed contestants were being promoted as representatives. No one in Yonggu City's competition area was ranked among them.

This showed what the officials' tack was.

After all, the contestants from the popular districts had a natural advantage. This was understandable.

There were fifty contestants from all over the country. There seemed to be a lot of people, so it was impossible for them to pay attention to every contestant.

Even though Su Cha had become popular after the subway incident, the production crew had never thought of using such a gimmick as an example.

When Su Cha was scrolling through Weibo, she saw several topics regarding Dreams in Progress. There were also popular verified accounts who came out to talk about it. As this was an established talent show, its influence was unquestionable.

The production crew's director added the 50 contestants into a WeChat group. They shared the general rules of the competition and said that no details could be revealed.

Other than that, there were other things that needed to be taken care of.

Under Dai Xiaofu's guidance, Su Cha's musical skills had reached a very high level. Her comprehension was fast so her improvement was also fast. Basically, it was not difficult for her to take on some difficult songs now. She just did not want her to take on styles that her voice was not good at.

It was the official day of the competition. When Su Cha went out in the morning, Bo Muyi gave her some encouragement. "Cha Cha, you can do it. I will make the whole company vote for you."

Su Cha: "..."

Do you know how willful you are?

There was indeed a voting system in the national competition, but Su Cha did not want to use such methods. She just smiled brightly. "I will let nature take its course."

Ever since Dai Xiaofu had told her about acting, she had become much more open-minded. There was no need for her to be limited to singing. There were many choices in front of her. However, since Su Cha had chosen to do it, it was enough for her to do the best. As for the rest, she could just let nature take its course.

"My Cha Cha must be the best."

Bo Muyi kissed her forehead. After saying goodbye to Su Cha, he went to work.

Su Cha also started moving towards the production set of Dreams In Progress.

When the contestants joined the production crew, they realized that even if this was just the Top 50 in the country, they were already building a fanbase. Many fans were already holding various banners for contestants and waiting outside the venue.

Some of them were here to see the contestants they supported while others were audiences. All of them were waiting to enter.

Chapter 302: Do You Think Others Are Dead?

Su Cha and the rest were contestants, and they could take other channels to enter the business.

The day after Su Cha entered the competition, many of the contestants were already waiting for their debut.

The rest of this competition would be for the national Top 40, the national Top 30, the national Top 20, and the national Top 10, among whom the champion would be hailed.

It was going to take place over a few months.

Furthermore, the promotional competition did not just depend on the judges. The judges had more authority in the later stages because a judge had the right to give 100 marks. At such times, due to the difference in popularity, the audience's votes would often differ greatly.

Sometimes, the difference between contestants would be ridiculous, and the judges would have to combine the difference.

Dreams in Progress was fair and just, but there was something that was hard to explain. If you were popular, even if you were not strong enough, your fans might be able to send you to the Top 10 in the country.

It was possible as long as one had enough fans at the venue.

No matter how fair the competition was, there would always be people who'd end up dissatisfied. In any case, there were many examples of contestants from before who had not made it to the Top Ten in the country. It was just that the odds were generally better for her this year.

The competition focused on singing, but it had to be said that beauty had an advantage. Su Cha could tell.

Other than the young girls who had participated in the competition before, most of the others were amateurs.

In terms of appearance and style, Su Cha was clearly different from others. Even if Su Cha was a plain person, she'd still have a natural advantage. In reality, both her beauty and voice were outstanding, which was very irritating.

Le Anqi came a little earlier than Su Cha. She was sitting on her seat and putting on makeup. When she saw Su Cha, she immediately waved at her. "Hey, hey, hey, Su Cha is here."

The makeup artist pressed Le Anqi's shoulder down unhappily. "Don't move, be obedient!"

It was as if Le Anqi had committed a crime.

Le Anqi pouted and stopped moving. Su Cha smiled and walked over. "The competition's about to start, so why are you so unruly?"

Le Anqi did not care. “It’s fine. My family said that I can enter up to the Top 50 in the country. It’s not a big deal for me to be eliminated. But you, Su Cha, you have to work hard! The hope of Yang Village is resting on you!”

Su Cha: “...”

Le Anqi was a person who often hung out on the internet and sometimes spoke Internet lingo. If it were not for Su Cha’s strong comprehension, she would not have understood all the basic meanings. Su Cha, who was not familiar with these lines, would sometimes be troubled by Le Anqi’s online language.

The makeup artist couldn’t help but laugh when she heard that. “Oh, the young lady has such a good mentality, eh?”

Most importantly, her family was quite funny.

The makeup artist did not know much about these contestants. Through their short conversation just now, she knew that this girl was an internet celebrity. People in the entertainment industry despised internet celebrities. She did not expect this girl to have such a good mentality.

“Ah, how can I not have a good mentality?”

Le Anqi shrugged. “I know my strengths.”

As she spoke, she could not move her face. She tried her best to look at Su Cha through the mirror. “But look at our Su Cha. She has a beautiful voice. Doesn’t she look like a future champion?”

The makeup artist was amused by Le Anqi’s words and glanced at Su Cha. “Yes!”

Su Cha: “...”

The two of them knew how to play along.

However, a cold snort suddenly came from the side. “You didn’t even make it into the Top 30, yet you dream of becoming the champion. Do you think others are dead?”

### Chapter 303: You Can Sing Anywhere, Even on the Streets

They’d been chatting happily, but the atmosphere suddenly became a little awkward.

Su Cha looked over. The one who spoke was a contestant who was also having her makeup done.

Su Cha knew her. She was in the same group as her the other day, but she had won second place. High Note, Chen Shengjun.

Chen Shengjun’s words made everyone present feel a little awkward. The makeup artist who was helping her put on makeup looked at the other makeup artist in a subtle way. Meanwhile, Le Anqi was unmoved by what she heard. “What are you doing? We’re just talking here. What’s wrong with us talking? Our goal is to become the champion. Can’t we at least aim for it?”

The straightforward Le Anqi was someone who would say anything directly, so she was unhappy when she heard Chen Shengjun’s words.

The atmosphere became tense. Chen Shengjun continued to sneer. “I’m just saying that you are dreaming.”

If not for the fact that the makeup artist was still holding her down, Le Anqi would have slapped the table and stood up. “You...”

Before she could finish, a hand reached out to touch her shoulder. It seemed to be pressing gently on her, but it also seemed to have a strength as heavy as a thousand pounds, preventing her from moving.

Su Cha comforted Le Anqi and smiled at Chen Shengjun. “Who’s dreaming? I think I’m qualified to become the champion. We’re so far from reaching the finish line, so it’s still hard to say how things will go. Are you sure that we’re dreaming? Do you think you have no ability to become the champion?”

Chen Shengjun seemed to choke on her words.

How could she say that she could become the champion?

She had lost to Su Cha in the group competition, which was even more ridiculous.

She said she was not here for the championship? Then what was she here for?

The contestants nearby noticed her dispute with Su Cha and looked over meaningfully.

Due to the fact that the show had been ongoing for such a long time, everyone was familiar with each other. They did not know each other well, but they knew most of one another's abilities.

Chen Shengjun and Su Cha were both strong contestants. Chen Shengjun was a contestant from the Water Capital division. She was famous for being a high-pitched singer. The judges liked her, but she lost to Su Cha because of Su Cha's popularity.

Despite that, no one would actually think that Su Cha could not have won against any of them otherwise. There was no need to doubt her ability.

It was just that Chen Shengjun was not as popular as Su Cha.

Now that the two of them were arguing, and Chen Shengjun had lost to Su Cha in the last group competition, it was obvious that everyone thought that there was something wrong with Chen Shengjun.

Perhaps they were not convinced of her ability?

In the end, the contestants were clearly divided.

Strength and popularity were two factions that disliked each other.

Those who had ganged up were not on either Chen Shengjun or Su Cha's side. They were naturally just watching quietly.

"Everyone is here to participate in the competition. What are you doing?"

Mona, who had put on makeup, suddenly walked over and smiled at Su Cha and Chen Shengjun. “The competition is for our dream. Just sing well. Why must you be number one? Everyone, just do your best.”

These words were subtle. For some reason, she sounded so dignified regarding her own dream.

It was as if Su Cha and the rest did not have any dreams, they just wanted to become the champion.

This woman’s words were piercing.

Su Cha squinted her eyes. Just as she was about to open her mouth, Jin Mou walked over and said directly, “What you said is very funny. My dream is to participate in the show and become number one. I don’t want to become the champion or become famous. I’m really doing this to achieve my dream. Is your dream just to sing? If so, you can just sing anywhere. You can even sing on the streets, don’t you think?”

Chapter 304: The Top 30 Wants to Stay Together

Everyone was shocked.

The main reason was that apart from being known for having a cold personality, Jin Mou had little presence.

It was no secret to everyone that she admired Su Cha. After all, many people knew about her interview, but they had never seen her actually interact much with Su Cha.

Everyone thought that she was just being polite. Who knew that she would really stand up for Su Cha now?

Mona’s expression stiffened when she saw Jin Mou stepping forward. “I’m just saying. I just want everyone to compete well. I didn’t mean anything else.”

Jin Mou glanced at her. Her calm but natural aura made Mona stiffen.

This was how different being fair, rich, and beautiful could make one person be from another.

Su Cha found it interesting. She too did not expect Jin Mou to stand up for her.

The other contestants found it even more exciting to watch the show. Everyone knew that they came from the same division. They had long heard of their relationship being strained, but they did not expect that they would openly fall out with each other.

Chen Shengjun started to feel awkward.

In the end, the director came in and urged them to start the competition. All the contestants had to enter the competition venue to break the deadlock.

After that, their previous activities resumed. Jin Mou did not approach Su Cha, and when Le Anqi noticed that Jin Mou had already left, she asked curiously, “Hey, does she really like you?”

Su Cha looked at her strangely. “I don’t understand what you’re saying.”

Le Anqi chuckled. “I thought she was joking in that interview. I just casually dragged someone, after all. I didn’t expect what she’d be true.”

She sighed and continued, “Good students are popular everywhere... I may never know if I could have become the city champion if I had worked hard a few years ago.”

Su Cha: “...”

How amusing.

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The competition officially began.

Su Cha continued competing following the number she got from drawing lots.

The Top 30 competition was organized in sequence, but Le Anqi, who was lucky to have come this far, was in the same group as Su Cha.

The competition would be recorded and uploaded online after editing. The contestants had a better mentality than before during this competition, but Le Anqi could not help but break down when she found out that she was in the same group as Su Cha.

However, she could still accept the truth. In the end, Su Cha went straight to the top of the group while Le Anqi was waiting for her turn.

Their show was divided into two episodes, but the competition itself would be filmed over a few days until the results were out.

Su Cha did not know how to comfort Le Anqi, but since the latter had already thought things through, she was not worried.

However, on the day of her competition, the production crew sought her out and suggested something.

“It’s like this, contestant Su Cha, our production crew will have the top 30 in the country live together for a while until the competition ends. You have no objections to that, right?”

Su Cha did not know about this development. When she heard it, she was stunned and asked a crucial question, “We’ll have to stay in?”

The staff was not surprised by her reaction. He just nodded and said, “Yes. It’s best if we all live together. When the time comes, our dormitory life will be revealed to the public. This will also provide an additional way for the contestants to increase their attractiveness. If we don’t do it, there might be negative comments.”

Chapter 305: Scared Her

Su Cha, who was in a difficult position, frowned slightly.

She was thinking about it so seriously that it made one nervous.

The staff member thought that this would be just a routine notice, but now, he was cautiously waiting for Su Cha's answer. He reminded her, "If you don't move in, it's very likely that the other contestants will have objections about you. Moreover, there are many malicious viewers who will speculate on why you didn't want to stay. They might even spread rumors... In the past, there were contestants who did not move in, and they did not manage to resist the pressure of public opinion and quit the competition."

If it were someone else, the staff would not have bothered to say so much.

However, looking at Su Cha, he felt an instinctive fear and had unknowingly explained the disadvantages.

To be honest, Su Cha did not care about this. However, she thought about it and realized that she had entered the entertainment industry to become famous. The staff had made it clear that living in this group dormitory would give her additional exposure, which would benefit her in the competition. There was no need for her to not follow along.

Under certain circumstances, she would not need to opt out.

But Bo Muyi might not be so easy to coax...

She thought about it for a while and asked, "Even if we're staying here, can we still go home as usual?"

The staff nodded. "That's fine, but you'll have to apply for leave, and same if you have any projects. After all, if your ranking gets higher, there will be more of that."

After thinking about it again, Su Cha nodded. "Okay."

After she gave her agreement to the staff, she returned to the Lookout Pavilion.

Actually, she could not figure out why the contestants had to stay together. Su Cha felt that there might arise more conflicts between them, but it was very likely that that was what the production crew was hoping for.

When she arrived home, Su Cha saw Blue Sky lying lazily in the courtyard, shaking its tail. When it saw Su Cha, it immediately stood up and growled at her.

The roar did not sound murderous, but this was still a ferocious lion catching a person off guard with a roar without any barrier between them. The scene was really scary.

However, Su Cha was not frightened. Seeing that Su Cha did not respond, Blue Sky shouted and suddenly leaped towards her.

Su Cha did not move. In an instant, Blue Sky had pounced on Su Cha. She did not even blink.

There was almost no distance between them. She could even see Blue Sky opening its bloody mouth, but she did not move.

“Roar!”

The moment the lion’s mouth was about to bite Su Cha, Blue Sky suddenly stopped. It placed its front paws on Su Cha’s shoulders and looked at her.

She was someone who was not scared, it confirmed.

Finding that boring perhaps, Blue Sky swung its tail, brought its front paws down to the ground, and walked away slowly.

Su Cha smiled gently. At this moment, Ah Chen suddenly appeared and lowered his head to Su Cha. “I’m sorry, Miss Su. Blue Sky must have scared you just now.”

“There was nothing to be scared of.”

The smile on Su Cha’s lips was not obvious, but there was a cold glint in her eyes. “Ah Chen, a straightforward person does not lie. You were testing me just now. You should have stopped Blue Sky when he rushed over.”

But he did not stop her, which proved that he was testing her.

Su Cha did not intend to hide anything. She just stood there without fear.

She did not sense any murderous intent from Blue Sky, nor did it seem hungry.

It did not intend to attack Su Cha; it just wanted to scare her.