

The Queen 331

Chapter 331: Watermelon Juice

Seeing this private message, Su Cha pursed her lips tightly and wanted to laugh.

Bo MUYI had always been childish and straightforward with regard to her matters. He had asked his company's employees to support her simply because he wanted to do it.

But Su Cha was shocked.

Even if it was just a jewelry brand, the sensation it caused was not comparable to Su Cha's subway video.

The video had only hyped up Su Cha's popularity. Now that Imperial Mu Jewelry had made a move, Su Cha had successfully left an impression on the big shots in the industry.

It was neither a good thing nor a bad thing.

To the celebrities who were discussing endorsement deals, Su Cha was like a stumbling block that had suddenly appeared out of nowhere. They were unhappy with the action of Imperial Mu Jewelry, but they would not be so stupid as to question anything. Luckily, a few of the superstars' managers had called to ask about it, and Imperial Mu Jewelry responded that it was an internal matter that had nothing to do with endorsements.

Since it was not a competition for the endorsements, the stars were relieved.

But why must this jewelry brand become a follower of a nameless newbie?

Many people noticed this.

Su Cha's identity also attracted a lot of attention.

No matter how capable Su Cha was, she would not be privy to the big shots' actions. She only knew that she was being harassed by some contestants.

Initially, there were many contestants who did not understand what it meant for Imperial Mu Jewelry to become her follower. But after the program's explanation, the contestants looked at Su Cha differently.

They were shocked and envious.

There were even people who wanted to know what the relationship was between Su Cha and Imperial Mu Jewelry. However, Su Cha had simply taken it in stride and said that she did not know why they did that.

No matter what, Bo Muyi could not be in charge of every brand under him. Every brand had a specific person in charge. Bo Muyi was in charge of the global affairs of Imperial Mu International. It was normal for her to say that she did not know anyone from a jewelry brand.

Hence, she had nothing to do with Imperial Mu Jewelry.

Since no one could find out anything useful from Su Cha's mouth and Imperial Mu Jewelry would not explain why they followed Su Cha, this matter caused a stir in the industry. There was not much commotion on Weibo, but there were still some speculations.

To Su Cha's surprise, an accident happened in the dormitory as soon as she got up. This accident directly implicated her.

It was just after the first day of the broadcast, and the ratings were not bad. The production crew planned to let the contestants enjoy their hot pot.

In the end, there was a problem in the cameras' control room, causing all the cameras to malfunction. Today's live broadcast could only be stopped temporarily.

They did not need to stay in the villa for the day, so the contestants went out happily.

Su Cha also went out of the villa to buy some snacks she liked. When she returned to the dormitory, there were not many people around.

The huge villa was now rather quiet. Not only the contestants, but even the production crew was scarce.

She felt a little hot after Su Cha came back in from outside. After resting, she went to the bathroom to take a shower. When she was about to finish showering, she heard someone coming in from outside.

“Su Cha, are you there? The production crew has squeezed fresh watermelon juice. This is for you and Jin Mou. I’ve placed it on the table.”

Su Cha replied, “Okay.”

Then, an object was placed on the table. After a few seconds, the person went out.

Chapter 332: Something Happened

When she was about to finish showering, Su Cha heard some slight movements.

However, the pitter-patter of the water covered all traces. At that time, she paused for a moment. She did not think much and continued to shower.

After washing up, Su Cha heard Jin Mou opening the door. “Su Cha, are you here? I’m back.”

She sounded tired and seemed to have spotted the watermelon juice on the table. “Did you make it?”

Su Cha shook her head. “The staff sent it.”

Hearing this, Jin Mou did not think too much and directly drank from one of the glasses.

After taking a huge gulp, Jin Mou heaved a sigh of relief. “I’m so thirsty. A staff outside fainted from heatstroke. I saw many people going out.”

Su Cha raised her eyebrows. “Have they all come back from their shopping?”

Jin Mou thought for a while. “I think so. Many are back, anyway.”

Su Cha dried her slightly wet hair and found a hairdryer to blow it up. Jin Mou asked, “Hey, Su Cha, I heard them say that Imperial Mu Jewelry has become your follower. Do you know someone at Imperial Mu Jewelry?”

Amid the buzzing of the hairdryer, Su Cha’s voice was a little muffled as she answered, “No, I don’t know anyone there.”

She only gave Jin Mou a simple answer. Jin Mou was not the kind of person who liked to dig up the root of the matter. She nodded and did not say anything more.

Jin Mou turned on her phone and mumbled, “My brother called me again when I went out today. I don’t know what he was thinking. He wants me to withdraw from the competition, but it was not easy for me to reach this stage. I don’t want to give up...”

The hairdryer was very loud. Su Cha did not know if she heard her right or not.

Jin Mou seemed to be looking for someone to talk to.

“Cough cough cough...”

As she spoke, she suddenly coughed.

Then she frowned. Su Cha heard the coughs. She stopped the hairdryer and turned to look at Jin Mou. She saw that there was something wrong with Jin Mou’s expression. She coughed heavily and massaged her throat a few times. Then, she planned to grab the watermelon juice on the table.

Su Cha suddenly reached out to stop her. “Wait, what’s wrong?”

“My throat... cough cough cough cough, it’s so dry.”

Jin Mou coughed again. Su Cha had a bad feeling.

Jin Mou grabbed Su Cha's arm and tried to swallow her saliva. "Su Cha, I'm so thirsty. It's so dry..."

"Don't drink the watermelon juice. Wait."

Su Cha frowned and handed a bottle of well-packaged mineral water to Jin Mou.

She took it and gulped down half of it.

After drinking it, she paused and massaged her throat. She still felt uncomfortable.

At this moment, Jin Mou realized that something was wrong. A few seconds later, Jin Mou suddenly clutched her throat. "No... No, my throat is uncomfortable... It's so dry, it's so hot!!"

Her words were already broken, as if half of her speech had been cut off and some of her words could not be uttered.

Her expression showed that she was slightly in pain. Su Cha had a bad feeling.

She hurried to the door and shouted anxiously, "Something happened to Jin Mou!"

At the same time, she tried her best to calm down. Seeing Jin Mou holding her throat in pain, she called 120 without hesitation.

She looked at the half-empty cup of watermelon juice. The murderous intent in her eyes was completely revealed.

Someone came in just now, not just the staff who delivered the watermelon juice.

She called the ambulance and quickly gave the address. On the other side, Jin Mou had suddenly grabbed her hand. Her eyes were red. "Su Cha... said... no... talk."

She could not speak anymore.

Chapter 333: Cannot Call the Police

Su Cha held her face and comforted her softly, “Jin Mou, stay calm, don’t be nervous.”

She grabbed Jin Mou’s wrist. Seeing Jin Mou’s expression, she realized that this was not a simple matter.

She pinched the vein on Jin Mou’s wrist and exerted her inner force into her body.

Jin Mou shuddered in pain.

Her inner force was not strong, and it was difficult for Su Cha to transfer energy to her, especially at her throat.

But this inner force could at least relieve Jin Mou’s pain.

Su Cha was afraid of the poison in Jin Mou’s eyes.

Her inner force could not cure the poison.

Su Cha knew that Jin Mou would not get any better.

Su Cha was certain that there was something wrong with the watermelon juice.

Just as she shouted, a few staff and contestants rushed over. They saw Su Cha holding Jin Mou and asked anxiously, “What’s wrong?”

Jin Mou could not maintain her usual expression at this moment. Her eyes were red as she realized that there was something wrong with her throat, which was deadly to her.

She might not ever be able to sing.

Su Cha lowered her eyes and said in a domineering tone, “Something has happened to Jin Mou. She can’t speak now. I hope that no one will leave the dormitory from this moment on. I’ve already called the ambulance. Let’s wait for the ambulance to pick Jin Mou up before we investigate what’s going on.”

Her words, especially the hidden threat that sent chills down their spines, made the production crew freeze.

Everyone panicked when they saw Jin Mou. “What happened? Why can’t she speak?”

Su Cha noticed that one of the staff members was a secret guard. He nodded and left the crowd.

Su Cha then looked at the watermelon juice on the table. “Someone drugged the watermelon juice. Jin Mou was tricked. How terrible.”

The coldness in her voice intensified as she spoke, but the corner of her lips had curled into a creepy smile.

She thought that this would not happen, but it did.

Su Cha had spoken with certainty. The staff realized that something bad was going to happen and glanced at each other. Two of them immediately went to notify the director.

A contestant was shocked and afraid. She hesitated and asked, “Then, should we call the police?”

“We can’t call the police!”

One of the production crew members turned around and meant to give a scolding, but when he turned around, he saw that Su Cha’s eyes were cold to the bone. There seemed to be a ferocious aura hidden deep within her clear and calm eyes, preparing to break out of the surface.

He shrank his neck in fear and explained, “If you call the police, it will be bad for all of you.”

Someone had drugged a contestant’s cup. If this dirty thing were to spread out, Dreams in Progress would be finished.

Su Cha grinned and said, “Okay, we won’t call the police. We will deal with it privately.”

She had said before that as long as these women did not cause trouble, they need not have anything to do with each other after the competition ended.

She would not stoop to the level of those who gossip behind people's backs.

But now, someone had even gone so far as to drug others. If Su Cha did not catch this person, she would no longer be Su Cha!

If it had not happened to Jin Mou first, it would have been her.

There were two cups of watermelon juice. She did not know if they were both poisoned or only one.

Chapter 334: Who Is It?

Due to the burning sensation in her throat, Jin Mou's eyes were brimming with tears.

There was only a burning pain in her throat. It was not unbearable, but the consequences were severe.

She could not sing, so she'd lost her chance at this competition.

She had no idea if she was poisoned or not.

She could not believe it. The contestants who used to look like they had some conflicts with each other were now so beautiful that she felt a chill down her spine. She could only grab Su Cha's arm tightly.

She could only believe Su Cha. She did not believe that Su Cha would do such a thing.

There was no one else she could trust in the room.

The entire villa had been startled.

The ambulance arrived soon. After Jin Mou was taken away, a female director went to take care of her and informed Jin Mou's family.

The rest of them were in lockdown inside the dormitory.

After the incident, the two cups of watermelon juice had been handed to the secret guards to be tested.

What was left was the investigation.

Those who did not come back during this period of time could be cleared of suspicion. Aside from the staff who delivered the watermelon juice while Su Cha was in the shower, other people must have come in.

There was a problem with the cameras today, and there were not many people around during this period. It was obvious that someone had ill intent.

Other than the contestants who did not make it back in time, the rest were gathered in the hall.

Some of them were shocked, some were in disbelief, and some had unclear expressions.

Jin Mou's accident had hurt her throat. Many people instantly understood that they would lose a powerful threat.

It was hard to say how many people here sympathized with Jin Mou.

Some of them were standing while others were sitting on the sofa, including the staff.

Everyone was suspicious of everyone else, including Su Cha herself.

Su Cha's gaze swept across the faces of the contestants. Some of them were afraid while others were blinking, but they might not be guilty.

The first person to speak was the staff who delivered the watermelon juice to Su Cha. She stood up and said with a bitter expression, "I was the one who gave them the watermelon juice. At that time, Su Cha was showering, and I greeted her when I sent it in. Jin Mou was not there. The watermelon juice was freshly squeezed from our side, so I immediately carried it over. That was it."

In other words, her involvement ended there.

Everyone drank the same watermelon juice. Why did something happen only to Jin Mou?

Su Cha did not intend to hide it and said directly, "After you, someone else came in, but I don't know who it is."

After she said that, the atmosphere became tense.

Meanwhile, Su Cha kept observing the contestants in front of her.

If someone did something bad, unless someone had a strong mental fortitude, she would definitely give something away.

Su Cha had amazing observation skills, but in such a short time, she could finish watching only the staff and some contestants. She did not find anyone unusual.

Many contestants looked at each other. Su Cha could not see anything wrong for the time being. She looked at some people again. At this time, she suddenly saw a petite contestant standing behind a tall contestant, as if she was hiding in the shadow.

She was looking at someone else with a panicked look on her face. However, she did not look like someone who had been caught. Instead, she looked like she was shocked.

There were others who were standing with her, but only her position made Su Cha take another look.

Chapter 335: Test Report

"Just because you said someone else came in doesn't mean someone really did. What if it was you who did it, and you're just trying to push the blame on someone else?"

When one contestant suddenly spoke, everyone's attention was instantly drawn to her.

Gong Ruixin was one of the best singers.

She looked more imposing as she walked in a masculine manner and her hair was cut to her earlobes. She had a good relationship with Mona.

She looked at Su Cha doubtfully. Her words were equivalent to pushing Su Cha out. Everyone also looked at Su Cha, but their eyes had changed.

Su Cha suddenly smiled. "I'm looking for evidence right now. All of us here should be suspected, yet you want to accuse me with just one sentence? There are libel laws. Would you like to know what it means? It's best if you do not use uncertain terms like 'what if' or 'maybe' on others."

The girl looked at Gong Ruixin with a smile. Her bright eyes were like high-quality gems. At this moment, the light from her eyes made people feel a little cold.

Gong Ruixin wanted to say something but was stopped by Mona.

However, her words had ignited everyone's doubts about Su Cha. No matter how hard Su Cha tried to clarify, it was useless.

Now that someone had raised suspicions, all the questions would be directed at her.

Su Cha knew this very well, so she did not argue for herself. "The watermelon juice has been sent for testing. The most important thing now is to find out if Jin Mou has been poisoned or eaten something unusual. If the watermelon juice is proved to be problematic, the culprit must be in this villa. I hope the production crew can provide a satisfactory answer."

Her words were clear, and the production crew felt a headache coming.

The director and the others had not returned yet. The people who lived in the villa were all staff members, and no one could make such decisions.

The next round would start the day after tomorrow.

The national Top 30 would be reduced to the Top 20, but now, something had happened to Jin Mou...

If word got out, it would affect the entire competition.

More importantly, if the culprit was among the contestants, then the rest...

Everyone felt a chill in their hearts. They suddenly recalled how Fu Bin had been victimized during the Top 50 competition.

It now seemed like what was done to her was child's play.

It was when compared to using poison, wasn't it?

The atmosphere was tense. At this moment, a secret guard who was disguised as a staff walked over with a mask on his face. In his hand was a cup of watermelon juice. He said in a low, low voice, "It's been tested. This is the examination report."

He took out a stack of documents and continued, "Contestant Jin Mou's cup of watermelon juice was indeed poisoned. The other cup was not."

Hearing that it was really poison, everyone gasped.

Only some people felt that something was wrong. Why were the results out so quickly?

The production crew was also dumbfounded. Had they arranged for someone to take the watermelon juice to be tested?

The "staff" continued, "The poison used on contestant Jin Mou was extracted from some pain-killers' raw material, a plant called White Luminous Root. It can be used in medicinal products, but if it is not properly handled, there will be side effects. For example, if the White Luminous Root's leaves are ground into a powder and added to water, it'll be colorless and odorless, but a small dosage will cause a burning sensation in one's throat, causing damage to the vocal cords and making one unable to produce a sound. With the amount inside the watermelon juice, contestant Jin Mou would not speak again for half a year."