

## The Queen 361

### Chapter 361: The Contract Rank

“Miss Su, hello.”

The agency that contacted Su Cha was called Dayu Entertainment. It was a newly established company that had been around for only three or four years, yet it was quite well-known.

It was mostly because this company liked to promote newcomers. Most of the productions they're involved in were web dramas, but it was really a stroke of luck that a few celebrities ended up becoming famous because of their web drama. They gradually became famous in the industry and, at the same time, became more confident.

This entertainment company was mainly involved in the film industry. Before coming to the meeting, Su Cha had looked up some information on them. She did not see that they had signed on singers, so it was a little strange that the other party approached her.

The person they sent was a business director who was mainly responsible for negotiating with the public. Her name was Chu Man.

Su Cha shook hands with the representative. “Miss Chu, hello. I'm Su Cha.”

Chu Man sat down with Su Cha with a smile on her face. She glanced at Su Cha several times.

The moment they met, Chu Man had been stunned by Su Cha's appearance.

Su Cha was not just one of the most beautiful, but she could also be said to be an unparalleled beauty.

Why?

Because of her unique charm and temperament.

There were many beautiful people, but it was rare to see someone with a good temperament and not just looks.

When that group photo was taken, Su Cha had instantly killed all the contestants, leaving a deep impression on all who saw it.

Their company also began to target Su Cha at this time.

In this day and age, a singer was required to branch out into acting to be a celebrity. After all, it was a fact that the singing industry was not in bad shape.

If Su Cha could sign with their company, they would naturally focus on nurturing her.

At first, Chu Man had thought that the Dream in Progress production team would not let her go, but since the agency had a partnership with them, she managed to get a chance.

Chu Man was also very confident. If the conditions were good enough, she did not believe that Su Cha would not be tempted by their terms.

After all, she was a new contestant, so she definitely did not know the importance of the contract. With a little temptation, she would not be afraid of falling for it.

“I believe Miss Su has researched what kind of agency our company is before coming here. Isn’t that right?”

Chu Man smiled as she spoke to Su Cha confidently.

This despite her inability to straighten her back in front of Su Cha.

When Su Cha heard this, the girl’s long eyelashes fluttered. She looked at Chu Man with her bright and clear eyes. The curve of her lips gave off a meaningful feeling.

“Of course, Miss Chu.”

Chu Man did not think so before, but now that they had officially spoken, she felt that the other party's words were giving her an inexplicable sense of pressure.

It was obvious that Chu Man was the one who dominated the conversation.

“Miss Su, I'm a straightforward person. I hope you don't mind. You must want to know what our company wants from you, but we're here to ask you what you want from our company.”

Chu Man smiled sincerely.

As soon as she came up, she extolled Su Cha, paving the way for the subsequent conversation.

Su Cha smiled without saying anything.

Chu Man was wrong. She definitely would ask the company what appropriate chips they could give her. Otherwise, why should she sign with them?

Of course, Chu Man's words were along those lines. After Su Cha heard them, she said bluntly, “Miss Chu, let's be direct. I know that the entertainment industry is divided into ranks. I want to know what contract rank I'm worth in your company's eyes, and whether your promise to me will be true.”

#### Chapter 362: My Boyfriend Will Not Agree to Such a Contract

Chu Man was not surprised that Su Cha would ask such a question. She had seen too many newcomers.

There were also people who were fearful, like Su Cha.

“I can tell Miss Su directly that you are worthy of a C-rank contract in our company's eyes. Of course, our highest-ranking contract is S-rank, followed respectively by A, B, C, and D. I hope Miss Su will not be anxious after hearing this and listen to me carefully.”

She smiled. Su Cha raised her eyebrows and made an inviting gesture.

“Miss Su, you must know that it’s not easy to become famous in the industry. Now that you are participating in the show Dreams in Progress, you will be very popular if you can enter the top ten. Even so, that fame may not last. I’m not cursing you. You should know how fast this industry is changing. And now, the top few are firmly holding on to that batch of good resources. We don’t have much left. It’s natural for them to be good-looking given this industry, but it’s not necessarily true that they have to be good-looking. If Miss Su were to enter the top ten, she would have to be signed with Xinhua. As there are too many people under them, Miss Su would definitely not be able to receive the same treatment we could provide. They would give the top 10 a D-rank contract.

“Right now, you are only a singer, but if you join our company, we will give you a certain chance to act. Of course, we will also guarantee that you will be able to sing. A D-rank contract will give you two albums in five years, but with a C-rank contract, it will take only a year and a half. Even if the sales of this record may not be good, we will guarantee this kind of treatment. Moreover, as you participate in the competition, we will promote you and make you very popular. You might even enter the top three.

“We will arrange for an experienced manager in the company to take you on. As for the most important part of the contract, which is the shares, it will be 4-6. You will get four, and we will get six. Of course, if Miss Su’s popularity makes a huge breakthrough during this period, and if she can maintain it forever, we can upgrade the contract appropriately. I believe that Miss Su will not be able to find another partner who can give such lenient terms.”

It sounded like that was true, but it also seemed like there was some caveat.

Albums were well and good, but how were these going to be produced? What would the production quality be like? If none of these could be guaranteed, how could there be a chance for her to act?

Su Cha already had a chance to audition for a film to begin with.

After she finished, she smiled lightly. Chu Man was still smiling as she said, “Miss Su, what do you think?”

Su Cha suddenly asked, “What about relationships?”

Chu Man was stunned. “Miss Su, what do you mean?”

“What if I announce my relationship status during this period?”

Chu Man looked as if she was teasing her. “Miss Su, of course we can’t stop you from dating. But you know that if you debuted in a talent show, you are an idol. You can’t reveal your relationship status during the first few years before you’ve succeeded. Besides, it’s not just idols. Many popular celebrities nowadays are supported by boyfriend fans or girlfriend fans. It’s not advisable for them to reveal their relationship either.”

“I see.”

Su Cha’s eyes curved into crescents. “I think the conditions are acceptable, but since I can’t announce our relationship... I can’t guarantee that I would want to announce it during this period, but I at least know that my boyfriend will not agree to such a contract. I’m sorry, Miss Chu.”

Chapter 363: Su Cha, Have You Signed a Contract?

Chu Man was stunned. Then, she looked at Su Cha in disbelief and asked anxiously, “Don’t you know the rules of this industry? A celebrity who is an idol would die if she announced her relationship...”

“I know.”

Su Cha continued, smiling, “But what does that have to do with me?”

Chu Man was stunned.

The girl’s casual words seemed to contain other meanings that made one want to probe.

However, Su Cha did not give her a chance. She took a sip of her coffee and stood up. “Miss Chu, thank you so much for coming here. I can only say that it’s a pity that we can’t work together.”

With that, she turned to leave.

Chu Man suddenly asked, “Do you love your boyfriend so much that he’s more important than your future?”

She understood how girls were nowadays.

At the age of 18 or 19, once they fell in love, it was easy for them to become blind.

But love had to bow to reality. If you joined a talent show, you would become an idol in the future. How could your relationship be announced just like that?

How could love be worth having after struggling in the industry?

Chu Man had seen too many people. Most of them had boyfriends or girlfriends when they entered the entertainment industry. In the end, they experienced the impetuosity of the entertainment industry and became addicted to money, and they gave up on the love that they thought was precious.

How important was her youth?

In the end, they would know that the future was the most important.

Su Cha stopped in her tracks and turned to look at Chu Man. Her eyebrows were light as if she was puzzled. “Miss Chu, why do you think that the two are connected?”

“Didn’t you say that you would announce it?”

Chu Man said solemnly to her, “If you really become popular, you will face thousands of fans and extremely busy schedules. You won’t have so much time to deal with him. If you don’t have a firm foothold, rashly announcing your relationship would ruin your future. No one would be so foolish, little girl!”

Although she was polite, Chu Man was at least ten years older than Su Cha.

What could she not see clearly?

“Then I’ll stand firm.”

The girl spoke casually. Her eyes were crescent-shaped, bright, and clear.

For a moment, Chu Man was stunned by the light she emitted.

Firm?

Sure, that was easy!

Even if Chu Man and the rest wanted to support Su Cha, they could not guarantee that she would become popular.

Of course, if she was not popular, who would care if she announced her relationship publicly?

But Su Cha's tone was clearly saying that she would definitely become popular.

Chu Man did not know where her confidence came from.

Even if Su Cha was beautiful and sang well, there were many people in the industry who were more capable but could not become popular.

Chu Man felt that Su Cha was being too arrogant.

Feeling that she could not negotiate with Su Cha, she had no choice but to go back.

When she came here, she'd thought that she had a chance to sign Su Cha on, but she'd also thought that it might not work.

After Su Cha returned to the dormitory, even after what happened last time, someone could not help but ask her, "Su Cha, have you signed with Dayu Entertainment?"

This girl was An Qiao's former roommate, Yu Shuran.

She looked at Su Cha. She was still afraid, but she could not help but want to know the exact results, so she'd braced herself and asked Su Cha.

## Chapter 364: How's Jin Mou?

The Top 20 competition had been ongoing these past few days. This Yu Shuran was considered lucky to have come this far.

She was also very popular.

After Jin Mou and An Qiao left, Su Cha's and hers were the only single rooms in the villa.

However, after this round of competition, they would all probably pick a new room number.

Su Cha looked at her with a faint smile. "How did you know that I was contacted by people from Dayu Entertainment?"

Yu Shuran was stunned.

She stammered, "I... I heard it from Ka Lian."

It was not really a secret. After all, Su Cha was not the only one contacted by Dayu Entertainment.

They'd also approached Ka Lian.

Ka Lian was the contestant with a strong stage style, the one who had clashed against Mona's style.

During this round, Su Cha knew that Mona and Ka Lian were going head to head against each other again in order to enter the next round. Moreover, it seemed that Mona's chances of passing this round were slim.

Those who could make it into the top 30 were already quite popular.

Ka Lian was a careless girl. She did not intend to hide anything from Su Cha. She'd simply gone to meet people from Dayu Entertainment first. And although it was not her business, Ka Lian had told others about Su Cha directly when she came back.

Anyway, she rejected them.



She just didn't expect that Dayu Entertainment would also approach Su Cha.

Actually, other contestants were still jealous of Su Cha and Ka Lian.

It proved that Su Cha and Ka Lian had what it takes to be liked by an agency. The others were inferior.

Apart from Ka Lian, who was in the Imperial Capital's division, Su Cha was the only contestant from Yonggu City who had reached the Top 20. Her popularity was not less than a few contestants from the Imperial Capital.

Now she was in the top five on the official website.

Su Cha could not compare with the first few who had become popular online celebrities.

Yet just like that, Su Cha had become stronger.

As her popularity was still rising, the others would remain inferior to Su Cha.

They could not explain why. Other than the train incident, Su Cha had also been vaguely mentioned in An Qiao's poisoning incident, but she did not have as much screentime as the other contestants. She basically kept a low profile and did not interact with her fans. To explain her popularity, it could only be said that her face gave her an advantage.

Many people liked Su Cha.

She was cool.

When they found out that Su Cha had been approached by Dayu Entertainment, they'd hoped that Su Cha would agree to it. If Su Cha signed with Dayu Entertainment, there would be an empty seat in Xinhua Entertainment, and it might be possible that it would be given to another person.

After all, in the hearts of these other contestants, Su Cha was already one of the top ten.

Su Cha did not expect that Dayu Entertainment had also invited Ka Lian. If she saw Su Cha, it meant that that was the case. Since Su Cha did not agree to sign the contract, she answered directly, "I didn't sign it."

After she finished speaking and was about to leave, Yu Shuran suddenly asked her, "Well, I wanted to ask you, is Jin Mou okay?"

Su Cha turned her head. Yu Shuran shrank her neck under the cold gaze. "She's not close to us. We don't have her contact details, so we can only ask you. I'm just asking about her current situation. That's all."

Su Cha was silent for a while before she said, "It's not a big deal. Her throat will recover soon."

However, it was a public fact that she could not participate in the competition.

#### Chapter 365: The Final Group

Yu Shuran lowered her eyes and fiddled with her fingers.

Su Cha ignored her and returned to her room.

After the Top 20 competition ended, Su Cha was the only one left from Yonggu City.

Mona was also eliminated.

Her being in the same category as Ka Lian was the most unlucky, especially when Mona was not as capable as Ka Lian.

There were fewer and fewer contestants in the villa.

It had been almost a month since Su Cha entered the Imperial Capital.

She directly entered the acting department of the Imperial Capital University without having to participate in the Arts examination.

After all, she'd already got in through her grades.

In fact, going by her ambition, she should have signed up for a music college or something.

But she thought about it and felt that she could not go to just any music school. She might as well go to the Imperial Capital University, the top school in the country.

At least here she could learn more, even if she was in the acting department.

The interview time given to her by Dai Xiaofu was almost up. Now that she was applying for the acting department, she might really become better-suited to this path in the future.

Su Cha felt that she should have great confidence in costume dramas set in ancient times.

After the competition ended, the eight contestants who were about to leave started packing their luggage. The atmosphere in the villa that night was quite sad. Some contestants had developed friendships in a short time. Regardless of whether they were genuinely sad or not, at least the eight who were eliminated felt sad.

Everyone gathered and had their last meal together.

Su Cha was also with them. It was not a good time to be independent.

Of course, when she ate, she was focused on eating. She was not like other girls who needed to keep their mouths shut or maintain their figure to not eat too much. Most of the time, the others were talking and showing their sadness.

The table was huge. Twenty-eight contestants were sitting together. It was not ten o'clock yet, and the live broadcast was ongoing.

The audience was not interested in watching others eat and drink. After all, this group of contestants did not dare to eat too much. They did not seem to have any appetite, and the atmosphere was very oppressive.

However, there were always exceptions.

[Sometimes, I wonder what's wrong with Su Cha? She seems to be eating happily alone...]

[Su Cha really makes me happy. ROFL, I believe that a woman who likes to watch Ultraman will not have a bad heart.]

[She's eating a lot better. That big meat bun, I think the other contestants did not eat one. She ate three by herself... Does she want to f\*ck the character of a foodie?]

[What a foodie character setup. Actually, she doesn't eat a lot, just comparatively more compared to normal people. Besides, she really eats it. After she eats every day, she stays in front of the screen to watch Ultraman. To other commenters, don't be so disgusting as to speculate what kind of character setups others need to use.]

[The other contestants are so sad at this time. I can't tell whether Su Cha likes other contestants or not. I don't see anyone talking to her at the dining table.]

[I can tell from this gathering that Su Cha's social relations are really bad. There must be something wrong with her. Otherwise, why would the poisoner target her?]

[F\*ck, this is too much. She is a victim, okay? Poison is poison!! How dare she say that there is something wrong with her? Is the victim guilty?]

[After Jin Mou left, Su Cha did not form a good relationship with anyone else. But if I were her, I would not want to get close to these people...]

[It's really... Sigh, it's strange that people are unpredictable.]