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Chapter 46: Thank You For Your Consideration, Miss Su

It was then Bo Muyi noticed the cup of lemon tea in Su Cha's hand as she chuckled. He then asked curiously, "Cha Cha, what are you drinking?"

"Lemon tea, it's a kind of drink that tastes like lemon water. Do you want to have a try?"

Su Cha lifted the cup and swirled it. "Sure," Bo Muyi readily replied.

Whatever Su Cha was eating or drinking, he wanted to have exactly the same as Cha Cha.

There was a light blue straw in the cup and Su Cha lifted the cup to his lips. With his mouth ajar, he bit the straw and gave it a sip.

His beautifully arched eyebrows creased instinctively as the ice-cold water intruded his tongue. Su Cha was uncertain whether he could take any cold drinks and thus she just let him have a sip. She asked, "Is it good?"

She had noticed that the driver kept on peeping at them from the rearview mirror when Bo Muyi was drinking. There was concern reflected in his eyes and he seemed to have something to say yet he remained silent.

Su Cha felt that there must be something wrong with Bo Muyi.

Instead of answering, Bo Muyi just looked at Su Cha and asked, "How about Cha Cha? Do you think it's good?"

He was pretty wily in some way.

Whatever Su Cha answered, that would be his answer as well.

Su Cha squinted her eyes and said, "I think it's not bad and a hot afternoon like this is the best time to drink it..."

As expected, Bo Muyi replied right after her words, "It tastes good."

He got closer and wanted to have another sip as soon as he finished talking. Su Cha moved the cup away, "Can you take cold drinks?"

Bo Muyi did not say a word and kept his eyes on Su Cha. Deep down, he was struggling with a dilemma.

Should I tell Cha Cha the truth?

At this moment, the driver finally could not hold himself anymore and blurted, "Miss Su, young master cannot take cold drinks."

As soon as he finished his words, Bo Muyi shot him a glare at once. His piercing eyes were indescribably nerve-racking, locking on the driver's body just like an evil ghost. The driver felt his muscles tightened as panic began to engulf him. Terrified, he avoided Bo Muyi's eyes and kept looking at the road ahead.

Su Cha turned Bo Muyi's face back and said, "He's just saying that you can't take cold drinks. You asked me to behave, but how about you? You should've said earlier that you can't take cold drinks so that I won't let you try it."

Su Cha pretended to stare at him angrily and Bo Muyi kept his head low, just like a kid who had done something wrong, "I'm sorry."

"Don't you say sorry." Su Cha did not want to hear his apology. It would remind her of the scene where Bo Muyi was dying in front of her and apologized with a weak smile stretched upon his ashen face. To her, it was a horrible nightmare that she never wanted to recall.

With her eyes closed, she moved closer to Bo Muyi, "Muyi, I don't like to hear your apology. Just make sure that you behave well next time and let me know about the food that you dislike or cannot eat."

Bo Muyi nodded obediently, "Okay..."

Su Cha gave out a hearty laugh and leaned on Bo Muyi's shoulder. At the same time, Bo Muyi rested his head slightly on hers and slid his hand around Su Cha's waist.

"Slurp..."

Soon, Su Cha gulped down the rest of the lemon tea. Holding the cup in her hand as she prepared to toss it after getting down the car, she then asked, "Muyi, I don't know how long the audition will take. So just go back to work after you send me there. Don't waste your time, okay?"

"Hmm..."

The man continued resting his cheek atop her head and did not want to budge an inch at all. His sluggish voice sounded like he was not happy with it.

Shortly, the driver announced their arrival at the destination. Su Cha got up and made a sudden turn before she got down the car. Blocking the driver's sight with her lifted arm, she gave Bo Muyi a quick peck on his thin lips, "Muyi, I'll call you after I'm done. Bye."

Bo Muyi was apparently delighted by her kiss and bid her goodbye with his eyes crinkled in happiness, "Bye, Cha Cha!"

"Goodbye, Miss Su," said the driver.

Thank you so much for your consideration, Miss Su.

Chapter 47: The Girls' Dreams In Progress

The audition site was located at the center of Yonggu Town, which was already bursting at the seams since it was a huge event.

Everyone would be waiting inside a gigantic air-conditioned shed due to the hot weather outside.

The sun was scorching today and it seemed that the production crew of the audition did have some conscience to prepare this facility for the contestants.

The numbers were generated through smart screening and machines were prepared for people to get their numbers via their identification cards. Su Cha queued up at the machine outside to get her number based on the registration details provided by Wu He.

The queue was quite long due to the huge crowd and Su Cha was apparently not among the early birds.

All the contestants were mostly young girls.

There were all kinds of girls here, be it youthful and pretty, cute and zestful, or mature-looking, you name it.

Being young and vibrant, all of them were the dream chasers in a city.

Su Cha caught everyone's attention upon her arrival at the site.

There might be plenty of pretty girls out there but most of their beauty was the mere effect of wearing makeup. For those who looked stunning even without any makeup, these girls were really rare gems.

That kind of extraordinary natural beauty was so distinct that it could be recognized simply at a glance.

Although good-looking girls were everywhere nowadays, the comparison was somehow unavoidable.

As Su Cha joined the queue, the girls who queued ahead and behind her were obviously trying to squeeze themselves away from her.

No one would like to serve as a foil to a prettier girl, especially when she was not meticulously dressed and yet her beauty shone like she was. What a heartache!

Ignoring their responses, Su Cha started to contemplate the future of this show while she waited for her turn.

Since she did not participate previously, most of the details had slipped her mind and she did not even know the names of the top 10 contestants.

The show was known as 'The Girls' Dreams In Progress', a rather conventional name that was commonly used in numerous variety shows nowadays.

But somehow, the show had been going on for many years. And the contestants of every episode who managed to enter the top 10 list were now having great fame and rose in popularity.

Casting in the name of amateur could also be a star, the show won the favor of many Hua Nation audience and it had always been popular among the people.

The show was organized every year. Although it was rapidly losing its ratings due to the recent booming of similar talent shows, it was still the king among them.

It turned out that those finalists from the show would be easier accepted by the audience.

Thus, there would be countless contestants swarming in every single year. Some of them were powerful contestants who did not make it to the top 10 list a few years ago. The show mainly focused on the selection of all-round contestants who were good at both singing and dancing. Nevertheless, if the individual had outstanding talent in either one of the fields, he or she could be selected as well.

Normally the champion would be the best singer.

The production crew introduced something new this year. They announced that the first three finalists among the top 10 list would get the chance to decide whether they want to form a group with the other seven members. But as long as they got into the top 10 list, they would definitely be able to debut as a group.

Recently, the influence of the neighboring country had led to the increasing trend of group formations. A group had a better performance than a solo artist and many shows saw this potential as well. They reformed and changed their related shows accordingly, just like what 'The Girls' Dreams In Progress' was doing right now.

As for the top 10 contestants among the previous episodes, those who were selected as the top three finalists would be struggling to maintain their fame without any personal charm. They would just fade into oblivion by the time the show's popularity was over.

The newly-launched grouping strategy by the production crew this year had in fact attracted a lot of people like bees to a honeypot.

This year was the season where the competition was comparable to its first-year show.

Chapter 48: Seeded Player

Su Cha hated being in groups. If she were to participate, she would have her eyes set on the champion.

This was not her arrogance speaking, but the champion was the best option, although the top three was not too bad as well.

Anyhow, it was impossible for her to join a group.

In the past lifetime, she was already at the helm since a very young age. Hence, deep down, her ambition had grown to an exceptional degree. Moreover, she despised teamwork.

Participating in this show was only a short-term plan. If she could perform well in embroidery, or find an opportunity to get into the entertainment industry...

That simply could not be better!

With the trainings she had in the past lifetime, Su Cha was highly confident in her acting skills, albeit her dancing and singing skills were not as superior.

Now, she had just been reincarnated, and there were a lot of strong contestants in the room. She did not get a swelled head to the extent which she perceived herself as unbeatable.

There were countless people who had gone through laborious training in dancing and singing since young. Even if she had the advantage of reincarnation, she might not have the ability to surpass them.

Nevertheless, Su Cha could learn. She was willing to pay great effort and endure hardship to achieve her goal. At the very least, she would not waste the chance that came her way.

Taking a number was a quick process, it was Su Cha's turn after a short 10-minute wait. She went forward and took her number, 351 indeed.

Holding the number in hand, she went into the studio.

This studio was a temporary structure, but as she went in by the main door. Rows of seats were arranged in semi-circles as extensive as the town square came into view. It was an enormous arena.

Crowds of people were already seated inside, their voices were extremely loud, causing the noise in the arena to be almost deafening. Thousands or even tens of thousands of girls were gathered here, and most of them were good looking. This was an absolute paradise for men.....

But unfortunately, except for the staff members, men were not allowed to come in.

Everyone had their own numbered seat, Su Cha found hers at the front rows. Looking straight ahead, she happened to see a number showing on the huge screen: 159.

This represented the number of the candidate who was currently performing in front of the judges.

Throughout the whole day, only 159 candidates had gone through the audition. It was uncertain if Su Cha could wait up to her turn today.

Wu He had arranged her a seat with a good view, she might have even taken up some trouble to get her a good number. After all, candidates who were auditioned earlier might have a higher chance of being chosen by the judging panel, while the remaining contestants might receive sloppy responses due to exhaustion.

Otherwise, this audition would not have lasted for a month.

Su Cha was rather grateful for Wu He's help.

She took a glance at the surrounding. She had never came here during her past life, it was a must to take a good look and fully experience everything now that she had the chance.

The appearance of Su Cha had attracted the attention of some contestants nearby, a few of them started to be on the alert. Other than those who had good relationships with one another, most of them were competitors. Contestants with outstanding appearance were most likely to receive higher additional marks, and if either of their dancing or singing was satisfactory, it was almost certain that they would pass the audition.

Given that all of them were competitors, it was only natural for them to make comparisons.

Besides...

Su Cha seemed odd.

Under such a noisy environment, she was sitting there quietly all by herself. On top of that, she had an indistinct and unique aura of her own. Compared to the girls around her, anyone would have noticed Su Cha at first sight if they were to turn toward her direction.

Her sitting pose seemed kind of sluggish. Leaning to the side, her long legs were folded together in a graceful manner, bringing out the mystique of royalty inside her. The distinctive aura had set off the girls around her by contrast, making them look somewhat like... her maids.

A few girls could not help but secretly took photos of Su Cha and posted them on their social media: I think this would be one of the seeded players in the future.

At this moment, Su Cha received a phone call from Wu He, "Su Cha, have you arrived? Have you taken your number?"

Chapter 49: Is Your Boyfriend...Reliable?

Su Cha responded calmly as she heard Wu He's voice, "Yes, Sister Wu He. I've arrived and gotten a number. Contestant number 159 is currently in the audition room, she has been there for quite a while, so I'm afraid I might not have the chance to perform today."

Wu He had treated her well, Su Cha ought to have some respect for her.

"Great. There's not much of a difference between 159 and 160, but your turn might not come when the audition ends at seven o'clock. Depending on the circumstances, you could take a stroll around the place. Meanwhile, assess the ability of other contestants and be aware of those who appear to be particularly outstanding."

"Okay."

Su Cha grinned, there was no outstanding individual lying around yet. It seemed like she was the one being regarded as exceptional in the eyes of others.

While she was sitting here, she had sensed countless unfriendly gaze from others.

In the middle of the arena was a room where the judges were positioned, things that happened inside were not being revealed to the contestants. The judges in Yonggu Town were not considered well-known, they were merely z-list celebrities. Some participants had even took a flight to other cities just to be assessed by certain judges.

This had to do with the fact that the judges in Imperial Capital, Magic Capital, and Water Capital were all top celebrities and superstars.

The finals would be held in Imperial Capital, but even so, Su Cha was not worried at all.

"I have high hopes for you. Do let me know once you've passed the audition, I'll treat you to a meal."

Wu He was well-intentioned. Unhurriedly, Su Cha responded, "Okay. But, Sister Wu He, if I passed the audition, I should be the one treating you to a meal instead, not the other way round."

"As you please." Wu He smiled, "It doesn't matter now. When you have really made it to the top 10, I would definitely demand a good meal!"

"Of course."

Su Cha replied affirmatively, her tone sounded firm.

Wu He finally noticed that Su Cha was rather different from usual, it was obvious that her tone of voice had changed tremendously. Wu He could not help but ask, "Is there something wrong between you and your boyfriend?"

Wu He knew what kind of person Su Cha's boyfriend was. She met him once and was displeased with that man.

Wu He was well aware of how the man treated Su Cha and the kind of attitude he gave her.

She thought of giving Su Cha a piece of her mind, but having numerous experiences on circumstance as such, she knew it would be pointless for her, an outsider, to offer relationship advice, especially when Su Cha was so madly in love with Di Yao.

However, Wu He could sense that something went wrong between Su Cha and Di Yao today as Su Cha spoke with authority and a brisk tone.

Wu He would quietly rejoice upon the news of them breaking up. Su Cha was a woman of potential, and it would be best if she could become famous. Di Yao was simply an obstacle in Su Cha's road to fame, she should get rid of him as quickly as possible!

Wu He had sharp senses, hence Su Cha did not intend to hide the truth from her, "Sister Wu He, I've broken up with my ex. I have another boyfriend now, he works for the corporation. I will introduce him to you once I have the chance."

"You have a new boyfriend?"

Wu He could not believe her own ears. Though Su Cha might seem like a love expert who could conquer any man once she put on a red lipstick, Wu He knew that deep down, she was an innocent person. It was rather shocking that the relationship had ended, yet now she had a new boyfriend?

She frowned as she asked, "Is your boyfriend...reliable?"

There are some things that friends were not meant to say. Nevertheless, instinct impelled Wu He to be worried about Su Cha.

"Not only is he reliable, but he also adores me so much, and I love him too. Don't worry, Sister Wu He, he is incomparable to that idiot, Di Yao."

Su Cha sounded rather cold at the end of her sentence, the change in tone startled Wu He.

Chapter 50: Why Are You Here, Su Cha?

Su Cha seemed to have turned into a completely different person after the breakup.

Wu He could not believe she used the word 'idiot' to describe Di Yao.

"Sure...as long as you know what you are doing. Let's meet up after your audition."

Rather than getting to the bottom of this matter, Wu He had to end the conversation in a hurry as she was interrupted by someone else, "Got to go, Su Cha. See you soon!"

"Okay, Sister Wu He."

Wu He was a busy person, she hung up right after finishing her sentence.

Su Cha remembered Wu He's profession had something to do with the entertainment industry. Though it was not that closely related, she was working in an advertising agency.

She was the Creative Director of the company. Regardless of how fancy it sounded like, the company was not a big one. It could be considered a small business, with only around 10 employees in total.

Su Cha recalled these details from those self-deprecating jokes once made by Wu He. It was a complete coincidence for her to lend a helping hand to Su Cha, owing to the fact that her

advertising company had connections with people in the entertainment industry, thus she knew things that others did not.

Wu He made use of her position to push matters through when she knew Su Cha wished to join the entertainment business. Su Cha believed Wu He was helping her with a reason, although none of them ever mentioned anything.

As she reflected on it, Su Cha could now sense that Wu He meant well.

All of a sudden, a certain digit blinked. Such araised her eyes and saw the digits on the big screen had changed to 160.

She looked downward following the change of digits and saw a girl coming out from the room. Immediately, another girl passed by and entered the room.

The girl who had just walked out carried a card on her hand, seemingly full of joy.

That was the Pass Card.

Well, it would not make sense if she did not pass the audition after being in the room for so long.

It had been five minutes since Su Cha arrived.

Everyone was looking enviously at the girl, getting the Pass Card marked the starting point of an exciting journey.

Su Cha quickly withdrew her gaze and started thinking about which song she should perform later.

To tell the truth, she had not even picked the song she was about to sing.

She could choose pop music, but she was not that familiar with the songs of that genre. The classic oldies were good, but that would be a cliché.

Since Wu He had advised her not to let her voice go to waste, she decided to sing the song 'Wild Pigeon' after much consideration.

'Wild Pigeon' was an old song. It was not a difficult song to sing, but back then, it was not a big hit in Hua Nation, possibly because the lyrics were not catchy and the singer was not famous either.

But 'Wild Pigeon' was a song with a story. Su Cha used to like it a lot, come to think of it, the lyrics somehow resonated with her life circumstances.

She took out her phone and put on the earphones as she decided to listen carefully to the song. In the case where she was not able to perform today, she could continue to practice it at home.

"You held me tight in your hand, keeping me from escaping"

"I never had someone to rely on, til you paved the way"

"I gave up everything, just to follow you"

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"Like a wild pigeon, wandering around"

"The extensive forest just can't compare with your heart..."

The low-pitched female voice sounded dispirited and the unspoken sadness was covered up by her calm voice. Su Cha listened attentively to every sentence of the lyrics while pondering the need to improvise the song accordingly as she sang. She was not really skilled at improvising, it might look bad if she made mistakes by doing so.

At that moment, Su Cha who was listening to music with her eyes closed suddenly opened her eyes as if her instincts told her to. Her act frightened Le Anqi who was looking at her with a complex facial expression from a few seats away.

She asked in astonishment, "Why are you here, Su Cha?"