

## Valiant Life 221

### Chapter 221: Something's not right

A distance away, Lin Fan's father could be seen smoking a cigarette. Lin Fan waved and greeted, "Dad".

Lin Fan's dad smiled and quickly helped Lin Fan with the box he was carrying.

Lin Fan shook his head and said, "I'm not tired. However, you really have to get rid of your smoking addiction. It's so bad for health."

Lin Fa's Dad immediately extinguished the cigarette and tossed in the rubbish bin, "It's not really an addiction, I'm sure it's ok to smoke every once in a while. Hurry, we were just waiting for you to have dinner together. Your mother's almost done with cooking."

After he reached home.

Wang Ming Yang had just arrived in this small block and headed directly towards the lift. He quickly observed which level the lift had stopped at and snickered to himself. With this, it could be said that he had a detailed understanding of his target. After checking the time, he quickly gave Xu Zi Yue a call, asking him out for dinner.

His fiancée was still in Zhongzhou shooting for her new show. He wanted to visit to catch up on Lin Fan's blind date progress. Also, he wanted to check on how his wife was doing and ensure that she wasn't getting bullied by the crew. If anyone was doing so, he would personally take revenge for her. Of course, the possibility of that happening was absolutely zero.

At home!

"Mom, I'm home!" Lin Fan went ahead to place his luggage in the living room before heading towards the kitchen.

Lin Fan's Mom said, "Quick, go take a seat in the living room with your Dad. He has the pictures of the girl you'll be meeting. Dinner will be ready in no time."

"Mom I'm still young! There's no need to rush into these kinds of matters."

"You are still young? Look around in our neighborhood, everyone's married. Lao Li's Son who is only twenty-two even has kids already. How can you expect me to not worry and panic."

"Alright, I'll go and have a conversation with Dad."

What else can I say?

Living room!

"Look at these photos. Mom and I have already taken a look and we think she's the one. What are your thoughts, son?" Lin Fan's dad whipped out his handphone and opened up the pictures, showing them to Lin Fan.

Lin Fan reluctantly took a look, realizing that his parents were right. The lady looked absolutely stunning. However, it didn't matter to him, the reason for his visit this time was to ditch his old life. Besides, he was still young, marriage didn't have to be rushed.

"Let's talk about it on the day itself," Lin Fan said irritably.

Lin Fan's Dad looked at the photographs and nodded, "Your mom and I both think that she is the right one for you. Listen up kid, just do your best tomorrow, your mom and I will take care of the wedding if you succeed."

Lin Fan sighed.

Looks like it's really that urgent. I guess this time there's no more escaping marriage.

Not long after, Lin Fan's mom called out, "Come and get the dishes, dinner's ready. We'll talk more about it over dinner."

Lin Fan entered the kitchen and brought the dishes to the dining table.

Dining table.

"Eat up son, these are all your favorites. Look at how skinny you've become. I'm sure it because there no one to cook for you."

Lin Fan enjoyed the dishes and looked at himself, "It cant be, I'm pretty sure that I gained a few pounds these few days."

"How are things in Shanghai? I hope you're used to it. I really think you should come back home. Zhongzhou is also a big city and it's pretty much the same as Shanghai. Why put yourself under so much stress?" Lin Fan's mom nagged.

Lin Fan said, "Mom, that's not right. You guys have already taken care of me for the past ten to twenty years. No matter what you think, I have to go out there and experience life for myself.

Lin Fan's Dad nodded his in approval, "I agree with what our son says."

Lin Fan's mom stared briefly at him, "You just focus on eating, I'm just caring for our son, what's your problem?"

Lin Fan quickly stepped in to 'save' his Dad from his Mom's scoldings. "Mom, why do you always scold dad?"

"It's impossible for anyone to stay off your Dad's case. Anyway, how are things in Shanghai? You mentioned that you opened a shop... Is it doing well?" Lin Fan's Mom asked caringly.

Lin Fan nodded his head and said, "It's decent. Getting paid every day has been working out well."

"Work hard son... It's important to work hard while you're young. Or else, you won't even have the energy to do so when you're old," Lin Fan's Dad lectured.

"I know that Dad, I'm working really hard now. You guys don't have to be worried. So... back to the topic of matchmaking... I don't really think I want to go for it."

"No way, you have to go for it. We have already made an appointment with their family. Don't you think about messing up our plans? After dinner, Dad will bring you to get some clothes. You have to look absolutely stunning for tomorrow, you know.. First impressions are everything. Look at your Lao Lee, he's a few years younger than your Dad and he already has grandchildren."

F\*ck!

Lin Fan was speechless, "Mom, Uncle Lee's son married early, that's why. Besides, I was in university studying then, don't you remember?"

"That is why we can no longer delay further. If it doesn't work out this time, let's keep trying until it does. I refuse to believe that there isn't anyone in Zhongzhou that is suitable for my son."

He had no more counter-arguments left. If this were to fail, they would only set him up on more blind dates.

"The photos that Dad showed you. Aren't they ok? The girl you're meeting is highly educated, pretty and comes from a good family background. Her parents have the same mindset as us too. They are looking for someone who is born here. If you feel that there's chemistry tomorrow then the wedding is set."

Lin Fan chewed on a vegetable, "Mom, you think so highly of the girl. However, do you think she will fancy me?"

"I'm sure she will. As long as you are a hard worker I'm sure she'll be moved. Besides, if this fails, we'll just keep trying. There's no such thing as a guaranteed success on the first try in matchmaking."

Upon hearing this Lin Fan knew there was no way he was escaping this. If he did, he would drive his parents crazy and his hopes of returning to Shanghai would be dashed.

Let's just wait and see. This marriage will definitely not work out. I went to get my hand pattern checked out, my marriage is still a long way from being due.

So... don't get your hopes up. I'm pretty sure that this will not work out.

To Lin Fan, there was no hurry, he was doing it to please his mother.

After dinner...

Lin Fan wanted to help his mom with the dishes but was immediately chased out and forced to go shopping with his dad for the date tomorrow.

"Son, I want you to give your best tomorrow. You still have a long way ahead of you. Let's just get this wedding set and focus on getting me a grandchild. No matter where you want to go, you go ahead, leave the child to your mom and me."

Lin Fan looked at his dad and said, "Why do I feel like you guys are making me get married just so you can get grandchildren."

Lin Fan's Dad coughed and said, "Don't let your thoughts run wild. We just want the best for you so we can have the peace of mind."

"Alright."

Although he believed his Dad's story, his gut told him they were doing this just so they could have grandchildren.

Chapter 222: Lil' Fan, you gotta learn

The next day!

Lin Fan's parents woke him up early in the morning. They held this matter in high regard. If it was successful, they would have one less worry.

Lin Fan was in for some trouble. He didn't even have a good night's rest. Now, he had to wear his clothes and dress up. However, he wasn't interested in matchmaking at all. He wanted to depend on his fate to find the girl of his dreams. But as he saw how excited his parents were, he had to cooperate with them.

Father Lin held onto his waist and said, "Stand up straight so you won't look sloppy."

Lin Fan helplessly sighed, "Wow, I look so energetic now."

Then, Mother Lin's voice could be heard from outside his house, "Are the both of you done? If you're done, let's go. We need to make arrangements with the restaurant."

"Mum, it's only 10 am. Isn't it a little too early?" Lin Fan looked at the clock and said.

Mother Lin chided, "What do you mean it's early? It's okay, we'd be late if we leave our house any later. We have to leave a good impression. Let's go, quick!"

In the end, he had to leave with his parents.

They had no car and it was mainly because none of them knew how to drive. Hence, they hailed a cab at a small junction.

The restaurant was a pretty luxurious one. It was located in Guangzhou. Picking a more luxurious restaurant was a form of respect for the other party. Anyway, it was still affordable and his mum was preparing everything.

When the cab left, an average looking car followed behind.

In the car.

Wang Ming Yang laughed when he saw the cab left. He borrowed the car from his wife's drama team. Then, he spoke to Lin Fan through the phone and pretended to be in Shanghai. He managed to find out Lin Fan's matchmaking timing and he had been waiting for him to leave his house.

Matchmaking was such a major event and he didn't want to miss it. He had to follow behind closely.

After a while, Wang Ming Yang followed the cab to a luxurious restaurant. Then, he stopped the car at the roadside and walked towards the restaurant.

Lin Fan wanted to follow his parents up but he was stunned when he saw Wang Ming Yang. He blinked several times and thought he had made a mistake. After confirming that it was him, he was dumbfounded.

Why did this fella follow along?

"Dad, mum, both of you can go up first. I'll be there for a while," Lin Fan said.

Mother Lin said, "Come up soon. Don't disappear on me. Room 806, remember that."

"Okay, I know that," Lin Fan said and nodded. He waited for his parents to go up and then he walked quickly towards Wang Ming Yang, "Why are you here?"

Lin Fan couldn't think of a good reason why he appeared. This fella was so sneaky. He was almost shocked to death when he saw him.

Wang Ming Yang chuckled, "Shocking, right? Was my surprise a success?"

Lin Fan rolled his eyes, "Not pleasantly surprised at all. I'm just shocked. Why are you here? You must be very free to follow me here."

Wang Ming Yang replied, "Don't be so full of yourself. I told you that my wife is filming in Guangzhou and so I'm here to take a look. It just so happened that you're here too. So, I decided to come and take a look."

If he had believed his words, he'd be the stupidest man alive. When they just spoke over the phone, he mentioned that he was still in Shanghai. But now he suddenly appeared here in Guangzhou. Was it all part of a plan?

Lin Fan looked around him as he was afraid that Wang Ming Yang would've brought the others along. Wang Ming Yang said, "Don't worry, I came here alone."

He heaved a sigh of relief upon hearing Wang Ming Yang's words. If they had all followed along, it would've been a mess.

"How's your matchmaking partner? Are you happy with her? Is she suitable for you?" Wang Ming Yang asked curiously.

Lin Fan rolled his eyes, "I haven't even gotten a chance to see her. Who am I supposed to ask to answer your question? Let's cut the crap. Tell me, what do you want?"

Wang Ming Yang said softly, "Actually, I'm just here to have a look. If you don't mind, bring me along too. I just want to have a look. Furthermore, I can say hi to your parents too."

Lin Fan wanted to reject Wang Ming Yang but as he thought of how witty he was, he smiled, "I can bring you along to have a look but you have to think of something for me. If the girl doesn't like me, you don't have to do anything. But if she likes me, you have to think of a way to help me get rid of her."

"Haha, sure. I can think of many ways to do so," Wang Ming Yang chuckled.

Lin Fan immediately waved his hand, "Wait, don't think of some stupid way. My parents can't take the shock."

Wang Ming Yang laughed, "Don't worry. You can rest assured. I will never scare your parents!"

Then, Lin Fan nodded, "Alright, I feel more assured after hearing that."

They entered the room.

His parents were a little stunned when they saw Wang Ming Yang. They wondered who he was.



"This is...?"

Lin Fan smiled, "This is my friend from Shanghai. We're very close. He came over immediately to look out for me when he heard that I'm going to go for matchmaking.

Wang Ming Yang was extremely passionate when he saw his parents. He said sweetly, "Hi, uncle and auntie. I am Wang Ming Yang, a good friend of Lin Fan. I rushed here when I heard he wanted to go for matchmaking. I had to come personally to keep a look out for him. You don't know how popular he is with the girls. The problem is he doesn't like any of them."

"D\*mn it!"

Lin Fan was stunned when he heard his words. This guy was spouting nonsense. It was all a lie.

Lin Fan's parents were stunned too. They didn't even know how to react. They felt that this fella was a little too passionate but since he was Lin Fan's friend, they were friendly towards him.

"Uncle, auntie, I'm sorry to not bring any gifts this time as I left in a rush. I bought each of you a gift card from the supermarket opposite. You can buy anything you like," Wang Ming Yang took out two gold gift cards from his pocket. They were powerful family gift cards. Wang Ming Yang couldn't think of anything suitable to give them as gifts. So, he bought these gift cards for them when he saw the large supermarket opposite.

When his parents saw these two cards, they were stunned. They immediately waved their hands, "Son, tell your friend it's okay. It's good enough for him to be here. There's no need for a gift."

Wang Ming Yang waved his hand, "It's just a small gift."

Lin Fan didn't expect this man to be so good at bribing people. He noticed that his parents didn't seem willing to accept the cards. So, he said, "Mum, dad, just accept it. This guy is filthy rich. You don't have to feel bad."

Mother Lin scolded, "What do you mean by filthy rich? How could you say such a thing?"

Wang Ming Yang said anxiously, "Uncle, auntie, your son has helped me a lot. Furthermore, these two cards didn't cost me much money. Please accept it as a small token."

After being reluctant for a short while, Mother Lin accepted the gift. "Lil' Wang, please help to look out for our Lil' Fan back in Shanghai. You're more sensible than him. Then, Uncle and I would be less worried about him."

Lin Fan just sat there and didn't know what to say. He had become a scapegoat again.

Wang Ming Yang touched his chest and said, "Don't worry, as long as I'm here, nobody can bully him in Shanghai."

Lin Fan couldn't take how Wang Ming Yang boasting in front of his parents any longer, "Don't listen to his bullsh\*t, I don't cause any trouble in Shanghai. There's nothing for him to help me with. Alright, just sit here and stop talking. Nobody would think you're a mute if you'd just keep your mouth shut."

Wang Ming Yang smiled. Then, he turned towards his parents and said, "Uncle, auntie, we can talk more when we get back..."

"Alright, alright... Lil' Wang is so sensible. Lil' Fan, you gotta learn from him," Mother Lin said.

Lin Fan was speechless, "..."

Then, the door was pushed open. His matchmaking partner was finally here.

Chapter 223: How helpless

Lin Fan's parents welcomed his matchmaking partner politely. Father Lin took out a cigarette and lit one up for her dad and the other one for himself.

"Sister Chen, have a seat," Mother Lin said as she sat beside a woman who was about fifty years of age. Then, she glared at Lin Fan as a gesture to ask him to serve the guests.

Lin Fan sighed and walked over, "Hi, uncle and auntie."

The mother of his matchmaking partner looked at Lin Fan and nodded slightly, "Hmm, this young chap looks energetic. I heard from your mum that you opened a shop in Shanghai, right?"

Lin Fan nodded, "Yeah, I'm still working hard."

Aunt Chen nodded too, "It's good for a young man like you to be hardworking."

Mother Lin looked over, "Sister Chen, where did your child go?"

Aunt Chen smiled, "She went to the toilet with her confidante. She'll be here soon."

Mother Lin nodded. Then, she turned to Lin Fan, "Why are you still standing here? Quickly go over there and wait for her."

Lin Fan looked helpless. It was already a hassle for him to be matchmade. Now, he has to go to the toilet to wait for her. He wanted to dig a hole in the ground and jump into it. But since his mother requested it, he proceeded to the toilet.

Father Lin accompanied the female's dad and another man who seemed like her uncle. They were chatting in a corner. Nobody knew what they were talking about.

In the toilet.

He initially wanted to stand somewhere distant to wait for her but he wanted to go to the toilet too. So, he went into the male toilet. After finishing his business, he heard something while walking towards the sink.

"Why did your mum get you to come for matchmaking?"

"I got forced by them. I had to come here since I didn't have a choice."

"What happened between you and Zhang Yue Lun? Did you guys really break up?"

"Don't mention him. I found out that he talked to another girl intimately on WeChat. Now he's expecting me to forgive him with just an apology. I already told him that I've come for a matchmaking session to infuriate him."

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Lin Fan stood at the entrance of the male toilet and shook his head helplessly. As the footsteps became louder, he walked out of the male toilet and washed his hands before going to the room.

When he went to the room, he realized that his mum had a fearsome look.

Lin Fan's mom said, "I asked you to wait for her, why did you disappear?"

Lin Fan smiled, "I had a stomachache so I went to the toilet."

Lin Fan's mom said, "Waiter, please serve the dishes."

When the waiter went out of the room, his mother smiled, "This is my son, Lin Fan. Lil' Fan, this is Sister Chen's daughter, Yang Ting Ting."

Lin Fan nodded at Yang Ting Ting. She looked a little different from the pictures but there wasn't much of a difference. She was quite pretty and to Lin Fan, that was about it.

The situation became rather silent. Then, as the waiter served the dishes, Lin Fan's mum started to talk.

Lin Fan's mother said, "Sister Chen, your daughter is so pretty. Is the person beside Ting Ting her classmate?"

Yang Ting Ting smiled, "Auntie, she is my best friend. She's from the same school as me. When she found out that I was going for a matchmaking session, she made a trip here from Shanghai."

Lin Fan's mother said, "That's so coincidental. Lil' Wang also came from Shanghai."

Wang Ming Yang just smiled. He didn't seem awkward at all.

Lin Fan's dad said, "Son, pour some drinks for Uncle Yang and the rest of them..."

Lin Fan stood up and took the bottle of white spirit from the table. He went around the table and poured a cup for everyone. Meanwhile, Yang Ting Ting's uncle also observed Lin Fan carefully.

After making a complete round, Lin Fan returned back to his seat. Then, he whispered to Wang Ming Yang, "I think I won't need your help this time."

Wang Ming Yang was stunned but he didn't say much. In his opinion, he thought that Lin Fan would definitely need his help. After all, he was pretty popular with the girls. Even the best girls like Wu Huan Yue wanted to be together with him. The current matchmaking partner was miles apart from Wu Huan Yue in terms of manners, appearance, and figure.

Lin Fan felt extremely helpless. He wanted to treat this matchmaking session as a simple meal. He studied her appearance and inferred that she probably started having boyfriends in year three of junior school. Now she must have had at least six boyfriends. Furthermore, she wanted to make use of him as a way to spite her ex-boyfriend.

Everyone was behaving themselves at the dining table. Yang Ting Ting's confidante looked pretty decent. She had better features than Yang Ting Ting but she looked a little arrogant.

Yang Ting Ting's uncle looked at Lin Fan and asked, "I heard you opened a shop in Shanghai, is that true?"

Lin Fan smiled, "Yeah, it's just a small shop."

Her uncle nodded, "So, what do you do for a living?"

Under such circumstances, the parents of the female wouldn't ask questions too directly. Usually, they would let their relative to do the talking so as to understand the other party better.

Lin Fan was stunned when he heard that question. How was he going to reply to that? He couldn't say that he was a fortune-teller since it would create a bad impression. Furthermore, his mum would definitely kick up a big fuss. He just smiled, "I sell some food like scallion pancakes, etc."

Selling scallion pancakes seemed more like a practical job as compared to fortune-telling. After all, it was a legitimate job.

"Oh..." her uncle nodded as if he understood something. Then, he didn't ask much after that. However, he didn't seem too happy with Lin Fan's profession.

Yang Ting Ting and her confidante were using their phones and talking among themselves.

However, Lin Fan wasn't bothered by it since he didn't really care about the matchmaking session.

Wang Ming Yang secretly nudged Lin Fan and whispered, "Brother, you're too honest about it. You should be clearer with your words."

Lin Fan just smiled and didn't say much. He thought it would be better to say less since it would bring him less trouble.

His mum continued to smile but was feeling anxious in her heart. Then, she said, "His business is pretty good. Sister Chen, I heard Ting Ting passed the test to be an air stewardess, is that true? Based on her good looks and figure, it shouldn't be a problem at all."

Sister Chen smiled, "Actually, Ting Ting followed her friend there but she just filled up the form for the fun of it. She didn't expect herself to pass the interview for China Southern Airlines. But we're pretty worried for her to be flying 24/7. Therefore, we want to find her a good partner so that we can keep her safe by our side."

Lin Fan's mum continued, "Ting Ting's friend, too?"

Yang Ting Ting said, "She isn't an air stewardess. She's a car model in Shanghai and is pretty famous online. She has a much better life than me."

Her uncle interrupted, "Sister, these children are still young. They should be more adventurous at this age. Your thinking is a little unsuitable for them."

Sister Chen then smiled, "We're leaving everything to her now."

Yang Ting Ting's friend said, "Ting Ting is so pretty and there are many people trying to woo her. Most of them are wealthy but Ting Ting only listens to her mum. Without her agreement, she wouldn't dare to talk about it."

"We're all average citizens and we don't want to think about being family with the wealthy. We just want Ting Ting to find someone local and stay with us," Sister Chen smiled and said proudly in a subtle manner.

Lin Fan's mum smiled but she knew that he doesn't really stand a chance. After discussing, she realized that Lin Fan was not good enough for her.

She had always wanted her son to find a pretty wife but she didn't expect it to be so difficult for an average family like hers.

Lin Fan just sat there and didn't say much. He quietly ate his food and listened to their conversations. Occasionally, he would interrupt and join in their simple conversations.

Wang Ming Yang looked at Yang Ting Ting's friend and asked, "Which car show do you model for in Shanghai?"

Zhang Xin Yue was playing with her phone but she raised her head and said, "At the National Exhibitions Center."

Wang Ming Yang nodded, "Oh, I know Huang Tian Yang, the person in charge."

"Oh..." Zhang Xin Yue answered casually but wasn't bothered by his remarks since she didn't believe him.

Chapter 224: Did you get them blacklisted again?

The atmosphere was rather calm and there weren't any conflicts at all. But Lin Fan's mum knew that the matchmaking session wasn't going to be a successful one. Although she was rather upset, she thought about it thoroughly. That was the norm for all matchmaking sessions. Most people wouldn't be successful on their first try.

They were mostly talking about their children but sometimes they would talk about other topics.

When Lin Fan heard Wang Ming Yang ask the girl about her car show details, he nudged Wang Ming Yang, wanting him to stop boasting. This matchmaking session was destined to be a failure and it was going to end like that. He didn't want to create any trouble. If her parents were to humiliate his parents, he would definitely retaliate without any hesitation. But everyone looked pretty happy and they were having a good time. After the dinner, they probably wouldn't even meet each other anymore.

Then, Sister Chen said, "I guess we should let our children exchange numbers. We shouldn't interfere with them. If they can get along with each other, it would be great. If not, then it's okay. What do you think of that, Sister Zhou?"

Lin Fan's mother said, "Yeah, that's right. We should let them talk to each other first. If they can get along well, then it would be great. This matter can't be forced. My child is a sensible boy and he hasn't caused us to worry about anything besides his marriage. We would finally be able to relax after settling it for him."

Sister Chen smiled, "All parents are the same, we're all worried about this."

Lin Fan smiled, "Mum, this matter can't be rushed. I don't even want to get married yet."

His mother glared at him and said, "I know you're not anxious but your dad and I are extremely anxious about it."



"Sister Zhou, nowadays, these youngsters get married pretty late. They like to fool around for a few more years. They aren't like what we used to be. In the past, if we hadn't get married when we're in our twenties, we would be left behind. Now, people only get married in their thirties," Sister Chen remarked.

Yang Ting Ting said, "Mum, I'm only twenty-two this year. Why are you rushing me, then?"

Sister Chen smiled, "Look at Xin Yue, she already has a boyfriend. You don't even have one."

Lin Fan's mum remarked, "Xin Yue is so pretty. Her boyfriend must be very capable."

Zhang Xin Yue smiled modestly but she looked pretty proud of it.

Yang Ting Ting interrupted, "Xin Yue's boyfriend is an actor. She brought me to their performance before, he is really handsome."

To an average person, being an actor was an impressive feat. An actor would be able to be on television and be famous. Sister Chen looked proud of it too as she felt that her daughter's friend knew someone awesome after all.

Although they didn't talk about Lin Fan, they started to compare her boyfriend with him.

But they just laughed and praised each other without saying anything else.

His mother complimented, "That's impressive. Actors earn big bucks."

Wang Ming Yang just sat there restlessly. He felt like he and Lin Fan were getting ignored but he wasn't bothered by it after looking at Lin Fan. After all, Lin Fan told him to not boast about his achievements. Then, he just started to play with his phone.

In the WeChat group.

This was a group of friends that were close to Wang Ming Yang's wife. They were all a bunch of actresses. Some of them were popular actresses from acting in small roles and there were about twenty of them who were recognized actresses.

Wang Ming Yang typed: "My dear, please reply me. This matchmaking session is killing me."

Very soon, the group started to become lively.

Xu Zi Le: "What's wrong? How did Brother Lin do?"

Wang Ming Yang: "Looks like it's going to be a failure. He's too low-profile. I wanted to help him improve his image but he wouldn't let me do so. We're both being bamboozled by two ignorant young women."

Xu Zi Le replied with an emoji that was covering his mouth while laughing.

Wang Ming Yang: "How can you still be laughing? Do you want me to... Haha..."

Li Fei: "Chief Wang, these are a bunch of females. You can't do this to them."

Qiao Yue Yue: "I didn't expect Chief Wang to be humiliated by two ignorant people. It's such a strange news. Also, who is this Brother Lin? Please educate me."

Xu Zi Le: "Sisters, Brother Lin is Master Lin. He is an impressive and young man. I thought all of you don't have any boyfriends? If you can hook up with Master Lin, you'd be living a good life in the future."

Wang Xue Li: "Huh? Is he really that good?"

Xu Zi Le: "Yeah. Brother Lin is Ming Yang's most trusted friend. I'll be frank, but you might not believe me. I got together with Ming Yang because of Master Lin..."

Xu Zi Le was pretty well known in the showbiz industry. After becoming Wang Ming Yang's girlfriend, those actresses who were more popular than her would still respectfully address

her as Sister Xu. After all, Xu Zi Le was backed by a wealthy man. Even though she might never become the most popular actress, she was well supported by a wealthy man who was worth more than ten billion. If someone were to offend her, he/she would be crushed like an ant. His network of people would definitely scare him/her to death.

Wang Ming Yang: "Oh, right. I have an idea. Please help me out. Follow my lead later and press my WeChat notification. Just pretend to be his fans. As long as you help me out, I will definitely help you out in future without any hesitation. However, just one or two people will do. If too many people do it, it would seem fake.

Everyone: "Please send instructions, we can't wait any longer..."

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At the dining table.

The atmosphere was still normal and everyone was chatting among themselves. They were eating and drinking normally. As for the matchmaking, it virtually had 0% success rate.

Sister Chen felt helpless too. She couldn't do anything since her daughter didn't like Lin Fan. However, she felt that Lin Fan was decent. The only thing that bothered her was his profession. It would've been perfect if he wasn't a scallion pancake seller.

Wang Ming Yang said, "Uncle and auntie, actually, you still don't know something."

Lin Fan's mum asked, "What is it?"

Lin Fan was stunned. He didn't know what Wang Ming Yang was going to say. What could it be?

Wang Ming Yang smiled, "Actually, he has several pretty ladies trying to woo him in Shanghai. However, he doesn't like any of them and it's driving them crazy."

Everyone was stunned. It was as if they were frozen.

When Yang Ting Ting and Zhang Xin Yue heard what he said, they laughed uncontrollably.

Lin Fan's mum was stunned but she quickly recovered, "Lil' Wang, don't lie to auntie. Several ladies? I'd be happy with just one."

Lin Fan was furious when he heard it. He quickly nudged Wang Ming Yang. He was clearly trying to create trouble. The matchmaking session was going to end soon and he still came up with something like that.

Wang Ming Yang just ignored Lin Fan, "Auntie, I'm not lying. I know there's three of them."

Lin Fan's mother exclaimed, "Huh?! Three?!"

Wang Ming Yang smiled, "Yeah, that's right. Three!"

Yang Ting Ting and Zhang Xin Yue didn't believe it. They looked at Lin Fan and thought it was a joke. He must be kidding.

At that moment.

Wang Ming Yang's received several WeChat notifications.

"Uncle and auntie, have a look."

They both looked at the WeChat app. It was really a request for a video call.

Wang Ming Yang looked at Lin Fan with a helpless look, "Did you blacklist them again?"

Blacklist your f\*cking mum...

Even Lin Fan was stunned. What was Wang Ming Yang doing?

Things were about to end just like that and Wang Ming Yang still came up with a shocker like that.

D\*mn it...

Chapter 225: The impact was too great

Everyone was silenced by what Wang Ming Yang did.

\*Ring ring\*

The video call request was ringing but Wang Ming Yang didn't answer. Then, he looked at Lin Fan, "Should I answer it?"

Lin Fan just looked at Wang Ming Yang and blinked. He didn't know what to say at all. He had been sabotaged by Wang Ming Yang and he had given up on the situation. Wang Ming Yang could really think of something.

It was just a matchmaking session. It's normal to not be liked by the other party. What was he trying to do?

But he was rather excited. After all, he's a human too and he had an egoistic side to him.

When Lin Fan wanted to reply, his mother interrupted, "Lil' Wang, pick it up. Why did this boy blacklist a beautiful girl? It just doesn't make sense. He even made them look for you instead."

He looked at Lin Fan's mother and understood her intention. She wanted to open it for everyone to see.

Lin Fan said, "Mum..."

Then, he just shut up and pretended he didn't say anything. After all, it had already happened and there was nothing he could say. What else could he have said? He just let them continue with the show.

Wang Ming Yang picked up the phone.

An elegant voice could be heard from the video call.

"Brother Wang, where is Fan Fan? I called him but couldn't get through. Did he blacklist me again?"

Wang Ming Yang wanted to reply but he realized that Lin Fan's mother was waving her hand at him. She didn't want him to speak the truth. Then, he replied, "No, his phone ran out of battery and now it's switched off. I'll pass the phone to him for you."

When Lin Fan saw Wang Ming Yang hand the phone over, he didn't know whether he should pick it up or not.

Lin Fan's mother said, "Quickly pick it up..."

Lin Fan looked at his mum and Wang Ming Yang and realized that Wang Ming Yang was laughing. Then, he took the phone from Wang Ming Yang and pointed the phone's camera towards himself but he didn't say anything.

Qiao Yue Yue said, "Why are you ignoring me?"

Lin Fan looked at the face in the video call and was stunned. She looked very familiar.

Then, he recovered from his daze.

Qiao Yue Yue? The famous actress that was always talked about on Weibo? What is Wang Ming Yang up to? He's playing with such high stakes. How am I going to close the case? D\*mn it...

Qiao Yue Yue said, "Why are you not saying anything? Do you really hate me? I can leave if you hate me. I won't disturb you anymore. I am so exhausted from work every day but I always want to chat with you after work. You don't even want to pick up my calls." \*cries\*

She immediately started tearing up. Her acting skills were top-notch. If she didn't get the best actress award, the tears would've gone to waste.

Lin Fan was speechless. How was he supposed to react to that?

Sister Chen was stunned when she heard what the girl said over the phone. That...

Lin Fan's mother sat there and pointed at him. Then, she chided, "A girl is speaking to you. Why are you not replying? Are you a mute?"

Qiao Yue Yue continued, "Who is beside you? Did you really go for matchmaking today? Why did you go for matchmaking? Do you think I'm not good enough? Tell me why. I am willing to change. If you don't like my job, I can quit..."

Lin Fan wanted to reply with, "Girl, can you not say such things? It would kill me."

Then, Lin Fan's mother stood behind Lin Fan and patted his head, "Pass the phone to mum."

Lin Fan felt chills down his spine and he was stunned by his mum's expression. So, he handed the phone over to her.

The stern expression on her face suddenly changed. She looked like a kindly woman. Then, she spoke to the person in the video call, "Hi, I am Lin Fan's mother. Please don't be misunderstood. I am the one at fault for arranging the matchmaking session. He didn't tell me about you. I thought he was single and couldn't find a girlfriend. Therefore, I was anxious for him to come for this. Please don't blame auntie."

Qiao Yue Yue quickly wiped her tears and she looked a little nervous, "Hi Auntie, I... I..."

When she saw the lady in the video call, she was stunned. "Daddy, come here. This lady is so pretty."

Lin Fan's dad was stunned when he saw the lady in the video call. His smile was so wide that his eyes were barely visible. He was happy again.

The more Lin Fan's mum looked at the lady in the video call, the more she liked her. She was ecstatic too. She didn't expect her son to be wooed by someone so pretty. Their ancestors must be watching over them. Soon, they found this lady to be familiar. It seemed as if they had seen her before but they weren't bothered by it.

"Girl, how old are you now?"

Qiao Yue Yue replied, "Auntie, I am twenty-four this year."

Lin Fan's mum said, "Where are you from?"

Lin Fan's presence had been completely ignored. He glanced at Wang Ming Yang. This fella really wasn't going to let things end normally. He had to create trouble one way or another. He wanted to see how Wang Ming Yang was going to end this. If he had known that this was going to happen, he wouldn't have let him follow along.

Sister Chen left her seat and said, "Sister Zhou, let me have look..."

She was curious after hearing Sister Zhou praise the lady and she wanted to see it for herself.

Yang Ting Ting looked at Zhang Xin Yue and smiled. They weren't bothered by it at all. In the eyes of their parents, as long as the lady looked normal, they would be considered to be pretty. Also, the conversation with the lady on the phone was pretty disgusting. They must have watched too many dramas to think of this.

His mother's face lit up, "Let auntie have a look at you."

When Sister Chen saw the lady in the video call, she was also stunned. She was extremely pretty. Then, she exclaimed, "This girl looks exactly like that famous actress, Qiao Yue Yue."

Yang Ting Ting said, "Mum, I think you're too addicted to 'The Legend of the Red Clouds'. It's normal for you to think that a pretty lady actually looks like Qiao Yue Yue. She's a real celebrity..."

She didn't finish her sentence. She wanted to add on, "How could she like someone like him?"



Zhang Xin Yue smirked and whispered, "What a joke."

Yang Ting Ting nodded, "Yeah."

But they were both stunned by what the person in the video call said.

"Auntie, I am indeed Qiao Yue Yue. I finished filming 'The Legend of the Red Clouds' three months ago."

Sister Chen was dumbfounded when she heard it.

Yang Ting Ting and Zhang Xin Yue were both in disbelief. They ran over out of curiosity. But when they saw the face in the video call, their jaws widened in disbelief.

Lin Fan's mother was also stunned, "You're really that super celebrity, Qiao Yue Yue! I've been following the show closely too."

Qiao Yue Yue replied, "Auntie, I'm indeed the one!"

Lin Fan's mother was stunned at her answer. Then, she looked at her son. She thought that her ancestors have been such a blessing to them.

Everyone looked at Lin Fan and then turned to look at the video call.

Lin Fan patted Wang Ming Yang on his shoulder and whispered, "You caused this trouble. Please settle it for me. I'll be leaving now."

As of the current situation, the matchmaking session had officially come to an end. He didn't want to be involved in what was going to happen next. He wanted to leave immediately.

Wang Ming Yang wanted to say something but Lin Fan had already left the room.

He felt helpless. Why did he leave so quickly? There were more to come.

If Lin Fan knew about it, he would definitely vomit blood. Wang Ming Yang was crazy.

Then, Qiao Yue Yue and Mother Lin chatted happily. Mother Lin was ecstatic. She didn't even bother about Lin Fan sneaking out of the room. She was extremely happy with this lady. She felt as if she had one less burden.

\*Ring ring\*

Another phone call came.

The notification was Huang Tian Yang.

When Zhang Xin Yue saw the name, she was dumbfounded.

"Lil' Wang, there's another phone call," Mother Lin said. She was chatting happily with Qiao Yue Yue but it was interrupted by the phone call. She accidentally turned on the loudspeaker mode.

Then, a deep and resounding voice came from the phone.

"Brother Wang, I managed to get a limited sports car for you recently. I've kept it with me for you..."

Wang Ming Yang took the phone over and said, "We can discuss further when I get back to Shanghai."

Then, he hung up the phone and said, "Auntie, Lin Fan left this room earlier. I'll go look for him now and we can talk further when we return to your house."

After saying that, he left the room too.

Huang Tian Yang was shocked. Chief Wang should've replied with, "If it costs less than thirty million dollars, I don't want it." Why did he hang up?

Then, everyone in the room was stunned.

Zhang Xin Yue was extremely stunned. The person on the phone was Huang Tian Yang. A lot of people knew who he was. Then, she turned to Yang Ting Ting. They must have missed out on someone powerful.

As for Yang Ting Ting's ex-boyfriend, although he was a wealthy man, he probably can't even match up to this man at all.

Anyway, everything was under Wang Ming Yang's control. He managed to brag in front of everyone. However, it wasn't done perfectly. It was because the first impact was too great and it stunned everyone in the room.

He didn't want to continue with the prank anymore.

## Chapter 226: A Coincidental Encounter

In the room.

Everyone was momentarily stunned. This situation left them helpless and speechless.

Mother Lin had a lot of questions to ask but Lin Fan wasn't in the room anymore. She felt miserable for being unable to clarify her doubts. She still wanted to continue chatting with the girl in the video call as she was having a good time.

Sister Chen was also a little awkward, "Sister Zhou, I guess this session's considered to be over. We'll make a move first."

Mother Lin didn't know what to say. Initially, she found her daughter to be decent. But now, when she realized that her son was actually that popular with girls, she was in a dilemma.

She knew that this matchmaking session wasn't for her son to pick someone. It was for someone else to pick her son. But now, her son could finally get to choose someone that he liked. It was a big discovery and she had to brainwash her son into it when she got home.

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Below the restaurant.

Lin Fan was waiting at a random corner, "I'm here. Quick, come here!"

When Wang Ming Yang left the restaurant, he observed his surroundings and saw a silhouette of Lin Fan. Then, he quickly ran over and smiled, "I didn't expect the matchmaking to turn out like this. How hilarious!"

Lin Fan glared at him, "Hilarious my a\*s! That was all created by you. Would it kill you to not pretend to be a pro? Tell me, where did you find those people?"

Wang Ming Yang unlocked his phone, "Look, those were my wife's good friends on WeChat. When they knew you were in trouble, they quickly offered their help without any hesitation."

He looked at the WeChat group and Qiao Yue Yue was extremely happy. She kept mentioning Wang Ming Yang, "How was it? Do I deserve a prize for my acting? It's my first time acting in such a thing and I almost lost it..."

"You have to settle this matter for me. If not, I'll never let you off," Lin Fan helplessly said. This fella was indeed a trouble-maker. However, he definitely made everyone in his family feel good. Although the situation seemed calm and harmonious at first, he knew that his mum was probably feeling down. This matter definitely cheered her up.

Wang Ming Yang smiled, "Don't worry. I've thought through this. Let's not talk about it anymore. Quick, enter the car. If auntie and the rest of them were to come down later, we won't be able to escape!"

Lin Fan didn't say much and immediately went into Wang Ming Yang's luxurious car. Then, they left the place.

Wang Ming Yang asked, "Where should we go now?"

Lin Fan thought about it for a moment and realized he couldn't go anywhere. "Just drive around, I have to think about how I should answer my mum when I get home later."

Wang Ming Yang said, "Let's head to my wife's location then. You haven't seen how people film shows, right?"

"Alright, let's have a look then," Lin Fan really didn't know how people did filming and he thought it would've been nice for him to see how it was like.

After a moment, they reached the Guangzhou Cinema Town as Wang Ming Yang was familiar with the route.

Lin Fan had seen this place from the outside before but he didn't have any opportunities to enter the place. It was the first time he had been there with Wang Ming Yang.

Then, Lin Fan's mother called.

Mother Lin said, "Where did you go?! Come back quickly so that we can discuss this matter."

Lin Fan helplessly replied, "Mum, I'll be back at night. I'm busy now."

His mother sounded fine on the phone. He didn't know how to handle the situation and could only let it drag on further.

After hanging up, Lin Fan looked at Wang Ming Yang, "Look, it's all because of you again."

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There were several drama teams around. Wang Ming Yang brought him directly to Xu Zi Le's drama team. It was as if everyone there knew Wang Ming Yang. The workers also greeted him politely while he was on the way.

Lin Fan and Wang Ming Yang looked around but they couldn't find Xu Zi Le. Then, they asked a team member about her location and found out that she was filming behind where they were.

While walking, Wang Ming Yang said, "Sometimes filming can be very boring but it can be interesting too."

Lin Fan laughed, "Aren't you talking rubbish?"

In front of them, a group of people gathered around.

Wang Ming Yang pointed at them and said, "Look, they're currently filming. Let's go have a look."

Lin Fan and Wang Ming Yang stood behind them. The director happened to see Wang Ming Yang through the camera and smiled. They knew each other very well. But they didn't talk much since they were in the midst of filming.

Xu Zi Le also saw Wang Ming Yang in the midst of filming. Since she was still filming, she had to finish the scene before talking to him.

After the scene was completed, Xu Zi Le ran over. She laughed when she saw Lin Fan and said, "Brother Lin, how did the matchmaking go?"

Lin Fan smiled, "I have to thank your husband for that."

Xu Zi Le blushed and smiled, "We are not married yet."

Wang Ming Yang chuckled, "Actually, you shouldn't thank me for that. You should thank Qiao Yue Yue. If not for her superb acting skills, it would've been a failure."

Then, the director walked out. Although he was a director, he had to be cautious with his words in front of a wealthy man like Wang Ming Yang. Furthermore, Xu Zi Le was Chief Wang's girlfriend. He had to take special care of her in the drama team. Although Xu Zi Le had Wang Ming Yang as her boyfriend, she was still friendly and humble. The other people in the drama team liked her very much.

"Director Qin, this is my good friend, Lin Fan. A local from Guangzhou," Wang Ming Yang introduced.

Director Qin was about forty years of age and he was slightly plump. He looked at Lin Fan and said politely, "Hi, Chief Lin..."

When Lin Fan heard his salutation, he chuckled, "Don't call me Chief Lin, I'm not a boss."

Director Qin wasn't bothered by what he said. For a person to be close friends with Chief Wang, he/she was definitely not an average person.

Birds of the same feather flock together were such an apt and logical saying.

Then, Lin Fan saw a familiar silhouette from a distance. He shouted, "Bai Ke..."

The person who looked familiar suddenly stopped and turned around. When he saw Lin Fan, he was ecstatic. He immediately walked over, "Hey, Young Fan, why brought you here?"

"D\*mn it, you're really Elder Bai. I just came back yesterday. When did you become an actor?" Lin Fan asked curiously.

Bai Ke chuckled, "There's no business for hotels in the afternoon. So I came to experience the life of an actor."

"That's cool. You have such an interesting life," Lin Fan said.

When Bai Ke saw Xu Zi Le and the director, he was stunned. "Young Fan, you know them...?"

Lin Fan nodded, "Yeah, they're my friends."

Bai Ke chuckled, "That's impressive. You actually know famous people like them. Quick, help me get their signatures."

Xu Zi Le humbly replied, "A friend of Brother Lin is also a friend of mine. Sure, I can give you my autograph."

Lin Fan interrupted, "Alright, alright. There will be plenty of opportunities for you to sign in the future. Tonight, we should have a gathering. They should all be at home, right?"

Bai Ke thought for a moment and replied, "Most of them aren't in Guangzhou anymore. I rarely contact them nowadays. You should know how the situation was like back in high school."

Lin Fan paused for a moment. That was true. They were a small circle of friends back in high school and he was closer to Big Tree and Elder Bai.

"Right, I spoke to Big Tree that time. He said he was working in Shanghai and it was all because you helped him. I didn't expect that you'd become the best achiever out of all of us," Bai Ke said sincerely. He wasn't jealous at all.

Lin Fan chuckled, "Don't tease me. You should come to Shanghai too."

Bai Ke waved his hand, "I'm not going there. I have to secure my hotel job first."

Lin Fan and Bai Ke talked for a while longer and they decided on the meeting details for that night's gathering.

Chapter 227: Upcoming best dog actor

Seeing Lin Fan return, Bai Ke snickered to himself, thinking of all the things he would do to annoy him.

However, he had to rush to join another crew meeting. It was an anti-war film with an especially overbearing name. The film even contained special agent team who had magical powers.



In one of the elaborate scenes, he would get plummeted by one of these special agents blows, causing him to 'fly' a staggering 400 meters into the air and his body to explode into a million pieces. However, he was just glad that he would be able to get some screen time.

In addition, it had already been set that he would meet with Lin Fan that night to have a good catch up session.

Since Lin Fan had nothing on, he decided to stay to watch Bai Ke's performance.

Xu Zi Yue chatted for a while before saying, "Guys, I have to go, the next set is about to begin."

Wang Ming Yang nodded his head in agreement and assured him, "Go ahead brother, we'll catch up again later."

At this moment, Director Qin walked over and said, "Let's not hurry for this shoot. The dog we need for the next scene is still unsettled. Teacher Liu is still having a hard time trying to get it to calm down."

"Woof Woof!"

A distance away, a huge dog barked away loudly and aggressively.

Xu Zi Yue was confused and asked, "Wasn't little blackie still doing fine yesterday? I wonder what's wrong with him? He's been barking non-stop since this morning."

At this moment, a young man walked over and reported, "Director Qin, I'm afraid we won't be able to proceed with today's shoot. Little Blackie's still not cooperating."

Director Qin lost his patience knowing that his plans would be heavily held back. "Teacher Liu, I'm running out of options here, can you please try to coax him and see how it goes?"

Teacher Liu was stunned by what Director Qin said. "Coax him? I'm not even a dog, how do you expect me to understand what he wants from that incessant barking!"

Xu Zi Yue sighed, "The main characters for today's shoot are little blackie and I. Director Qin, is there any way we can edit the script? I'm sure we have a better chance of getting the audience to accept a change in the plot rather than getting little blackie to cooperate."

Director Qin was frustrated knowing that he messed up. Initially, he thought the little blackie played a minor role in the show. However, it was only now that he realized little blackie was the backbone of the show, supporting the main character and paving the way for the story ahead.

Since the other leads have yet to show up, the recent scenes were all about Xu Zi Yue. However, this scene was one for one of the later episodes which take place during the National period. Xu Zi Yue's was the wife of a husband who went to fight the war. He did not return home for a long time and as such, she left the village with little blackie in search of him.

After a long and trying journey, Xu Zi Yue finally finds the place that the husband went to war. In a myriad of corpses, they finally found his body. They respectfully load him up onto a cart and head for home with little Blackie who had finally found his owner following alongside.

"There's no way to change this. If we remove little blackie from the scene, it kind of feels like something is missing from this show. All we can do now is to stall for time." Director Qin had no choice too, he knew that it was way easier to have a crew of humans rather than dogs since they were much easier to work with.

All along the dog was so cooperative during shoots, but who would have known that its temperament would suddenly change, potentially destroying the whole show.

Throughout the shoot, the most difficult element to control would have to be the dog.

The dog's trainer said to Teacher Liu in desperation, "I'm running out of ideas too, I guess we'll just have to wait until tomorrow to see how things go."

Director Qin could only nod his head in agreement, "I guess we shall call it a day. All the scene we were supposed to shoot have to do with little blackie. Given his mood, I don't think we can get anything done."

Wang Ming Yang upon witnessing this sight immediately asked Lin Fan, "Aren't you able to communicate with dogs?"

When he said that the others quickly diverted their attention to Lin Fan, not knowing what Wang Ming Yang meant by that statement.

Teacher Lin was the most skeptical and refused to believe how anyone could communicate with animals.

Lin Fan was tempted to give it a try although it was his first time. "I'm not sure if it will work though..."

Director Qin was shocked and asked, "Boss Wang, what do you mean by this?"

He was clueless as to what Wang Ming Yang had just said. It was impossible for anyone to talk to animals unless they had some hidden powers or talents.

Wang Ming Yang, "Do you not know who this person is? Have you read the news of the guy who instructed hundreds of dogs to look for the missing kids?"

"I know about that news! I watched that video so... so... many times..." Director Qin said in awe. Are you saying that..."

"You are absolutely right. He is the legend that managed to control those dogs. So... why not let him try to tame little blackie." Wang Ming Yang said with a smile on his face.

Lin Fan laughed and said, "Alright let's see what I can do here."

Director Qin was delighted, "Master Lin, please give it your best shot, you'll be heavily rewarded if you succeed."

Teacher Liu was curious as to how Lin Fan was able to pull off the impossible - Commanding the hundred of dogs to save the missing kids. He had his doubts about what he had seen on television but he had no evidence to disprove it. What Lin Fan had achieved was absolutely stunning.

Teacher Liu had already gone around asking many experts for their opinion on the possibility of such a thing happening. The only answer he got back was that it was definitely impossible. Even if the dogs were trained, the possibility of such a feat being pulled off was very low.

Pertaining to humans being able to communicate with dogs, that was even more impossible.

Lin Fan was about to 'speak' to little blackie.

People began to gather, hearing that someone was about to attempt to communicate with little blackie. They were all curious as to how someone would be able to make this aggressive hound calm down.

"Talking to Little Blackie... That's a first!" Technician Huang proclaimed.

Videographer, "Even Teacher Liu can't handle little blackie, how would he even be able to."

Lin Fan arrived in front of little blackie and asked, "What's wrong? Why are you so flustered?"

Little Blackie: "Woof woof."

Upon hearing the barks instantly commented, "Oh... I see... It's too hot and stuffy isn't it?"

Those who had gathered around were all shocked. They started to question Lin Fan's sanity. How could anyone possibly understand what dogs say?

Teacher Liu, "What is going on? Why did the dog only bark twice as if it was speaking to Lin Fan?"

Liu teacher frowned and said; "This should be the auditory nerve responses to the dog, they don't understand the words, but are especially sensitive to sound. The dog thinks that you are talking about it so it barked twice. However, as far as I know, no one in this world can understand a dog's barking."

A few minutes later.

Lin Fan stood up and said, "Director Qin, Little Blackie shouldn't be giving you any more trouble. Why not you tell me a little more about Little Blackie's part. I'll help you explain his part to him so he'll know what to do."

Director Qin froze up as if he couldn't understand Lin Fan's words.

Explaining to a dog his acting roles?

He must be joking.

However, looking at Lin Fan's expression, he was definitely not kidding. In addition, Little Blackie had also stopped barking as if someone had pacified him.

When Mr. Liu saw this scene, he was shocked that Lin Fan actually accomplished such an impossible feat.

Chapter 228: Give the dog more screen time!

The crew were all stunned, how did such a thing happen?

Seeing the once agitated Little Blackie calm down, they all started to believe Lin Fan had the ability to communicate with dogs. They all couldn't fathom how a random stranger just walked in and effortlessly calm Little Blackie.

On the other hand Teacher Liu who spent the whole afternoon trying didn't even make Little Blackie calm down a tad bit.

Xu Zi Le's face lit up upon the sight of Little Blackie finally calming down and commended, "Wow! Ming Yang, Lin Fan is really what you describe him to be - Well versed in various 'languages'."

Ming Yang laughed it off and said, "I feel like I just found a new way to make money. I'll open a dog training center and make Lin Fan the president."

Director Qin was speechless. However, when he saw the serious look on Lin Fan's face, he began to explain the script, "Xu Zi Le I need you to... Alright, as for Little Blackie I just need him to keep still and not make a mess out of the set."

Lin Fan listened on although he knew nothing about acting nor changing of scripts. However, the movie revolved around the emotions of commoners who lost their loved ones.

In addition, the current scene was mainly focused on Xu Zi Yue's emotions. As for Little Blackie, as long as he played along and supported the main character, the scene would be perfect.

Lin Fan nodded his head " Ok I get what you mean, let me have a talk with Little Blackie."

Director Qin wanted to say something but hearing what Lin Fan had to say he instantly held back and quietly left, leaving Lin Fan and Little Blackie to talk.

Lin Fan knelt down, patted Little Blackie's head and started to do his magic. And so, the human and dog duo started to 'talk'. Lin Fan would say something and Little Blackie would respond with barks and this went on for a good thirty minutes.

Director Qin watched Lin Fan and thought to himself.

Today is such a weird day, no one would have thought that Little Blackie would calm down and finally allow me to proceed with the shoot.

"Everyone in their positions, standby... Lights and camera crew to your stations. Let's get scene 102 over and done with."

Wang Ming Yang asked curiously "What on earth did you tell that dog?"

Lin Fan laughed and said, "I taught it how to act."

"F\*ck you. Don't play around with me... If dogs can act then pigs can fly," Wang Ming Yang said in disbelief.

Lin Fan honestly did not know why no one believed that Little Blackie knew how to act. However, after communicating with Little Blackie he realized that there was an attitude and look that Little Blackie had to display which could easily touch the hearts of the audience.

Everyone scurried to their posts still amused by Lin Fan 'talking' to Little Blackie. However, it did not matter. As long as the shoot went on smoothly and Little Blackie remained well-behaved, all was good.

Everything was set in place and ready for inspection to prevent any bugs from occurring halfway through the shoot.

Xu Zi Yue put on her torn and tattered clothes and had her makeup done to portray the look of a poor farmer.

On top of the old cart lay a corpse who was one of the main characters. In order to cut costs, they planned it such that he died in a bomb blast in which his body was blown beyond recognition.

As to how the female lead was able to identify the heavily disfigured body as her husband, it was entirely based on her gut feeling which saved them a huge amount of explanation.

They even hired corpse a double to play as the corpse.

The group members were clueless as to how the scene would turn out but they could only try and wish for the best. Afterall. There was no such thing as a guaranteed success when filming.

Director Qin seeing that everything was in order, took a seat by the filming post and gave the command to start.

"Take 1. Go!"

Xu Zi Yue quickly got into character and managed to pull off a look of extreme sorrow - one that would be observed on someone's face when they had finally managed to find the corpse of their long-lost husband. She pushed the old and broken cart while Little Blackie slowly walked aside.

The cameras zoomed in and out, only focusing on Xu Zi Yue and the cart as if Little Blackie wasn't part of the scene.

Director Qin started to tense up. The most crucial moment had arrived.

This was when the cart would fall over and Xu Zi Yue's husband's corpse would fall off. Xu Zi Yue would then hug the body in grief before quickly loading it onto the cart again.

He was so afraid that Little Blackie would get startled and run away. Deep down he prayed that Little Blackie would just remain beside and the scene would be complete.

Of course, although it was simple, what could one expect from dogs in terms of acting.

*\*Thump\**

The cart flipped over. The group of faceless corpse fell off the cart. Xu Zi Yue dashed forward, hugging the body in distraught.

At that instance, Lin Fan signaled to Little Blackie with a quick hand movement.

At that moment, everyone was stunned by what Little Blackie did.

*\*Woof woof\**

Little Blackie barked as he quickly bit on to the shirt of one of the corpses and tugged it towards the cart. He tugged with all his might, creating a scene that was bound to make one cry.

Who would have dared to say that dogs couldn't act after witnessing this scene?



Little Blackie even managed to give a look of extreme sorrow.

Director Qin upon witnessing this could not help but let out, "I'll be damned"

Noticing that the camera crew were only focusing on the female main, he yelled, " Xiao Zhang, what are you doing? Quick! Give the dog more screen time for God's sake."

"Shift the cameras to focus on the dog..."

"Stop."

Director Qin was truly stunned and speechless after what he had witnessed. Recovering from the shock, he reprimanded, "Xiao Zhang, what were you thinking? Why did you leave the dog out of the scene initially? Didn't you see how amazing his acting was? With that performance alone, I'm sure that's at least another 0.5 points for the movie."

Xiao Zhang lowered his head in guilt, "I'm sorry Director Zhang, I didn't expect..."

Director Zhang was frustrated but could only let out a sigh. He knew that the cameraman did not focus on Little Blackie in fear that Little Blackie would mess up and spoil the scene.

All the workers who stood by to watch were all stunned.

No one expected Little blackie to be able to put up such an amazing performance.

Teacher Liu was also shocked.

Lin Fan nodded his head in content, "Director Qin don't worry, we can always go for a second take. Little Blackie is ok with it."

Director Qin smiled to Lin Fan and gave him a thumbs up for his effort. Never did he expect Lin Fan to be able to train Little Blackie to act like that within such a short amount of time.

"Everyone standby. Xiao Zhang, remember to give the dog enough screen time and the light crew better not screw up. I want this to be the final shoot for this scene."

"Yes, Director," Xiao Zhang echoed.

Xu Zi Yue was shocked before she finally realized that Little Blackie was pulling the corpses towards the cart.

The corpse actor who was pulled was even more afraid thinking that Little Blackie was trying to bite him.

Director Qin nodded his head and commanded, "Ok... Begin!"

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Chapter 229: Little Blackie needs the full package

Little Blackie was frustrated. What's with these humans? I clearly did I was told. Why are they asking me to do it again?

However, at that moment, he suddenly remembered what he had promised Lin Fan and instantly snapped out of it.

Summer days were extremely hot and this caused an inner fire in Little Blackie. It caused him to become really irritable and aggressive.

Director Qin was extremely delighted by Little Blackie's performance. This was obvious from the expression on his face though he did not verbally express it. However, this was far from comforting as it added pressure, causing tension in the room.

Not bad!

Not bad!

Xu Zi Le did not think that Lin Fan would actually be able to train Little Blackie till such an extent within such a short amount of time and there was a burning desire in her heart to find out how he did it.

After the corpse was carried onto the cart the day they should have called it a day. However, Xu Zi Le was far from done and was still full of energy, ready for more scenes.

The cameraman aimed the camera at Xu Zi Le and the lighting crew shone lights on her, getting ready for the emotional scene which was about to unfold.

Workers gathered in anticipation. If there were no errors and the scene met Director Qin's standards, they could finally call it a day.

The rest of the show would be taken at a different location.

Wang Ming Yang grinned widely, "Wow Lin Fan! You're really amazing, please teach me how to speak to dogs too!"

Lin Fan glanced at him and said, "You won't be able to master it."

That instantly knocked the idea out of Wang Ming Yang's head. "What did he even mean by I won't be able to learn it, he's not even willing to teach me."

Xiao Zhang focused the camera on Xu Zi Le. The scene was bound to be amazing, Xu Zi Le's extraordinary acting skills were uncommon for someone who was so young,

Director Zhang inspected the scene thoroughly. "Not bad at all... not bad at all... this is perfect!"

However, as he lifted his head, he froze.

What the heck is going on?

Xu Zi Le knelt by the cart, eyes swollen and read her lines in a solemn tone, not taking note of what was happening beside the cart.

Little Blackie crouched by the cart and with a sparkle in his eye, he nudged the corpse gently with his head as if he was reminiscing the good old times spent with his owner.

This was such a saddening moment.

Little Blackie laid on the cart and raised his head before howling out. The sorrow in the howl and the tears in his eye was absolutely heartbreaking.

Xiao Zhang who had entirely focused the camera on Little Blackie was stunned by this magical moment. He couldn't help but wonder. How is this possible? How can a dog be able to portray such emotions?

The lighting technician who had ensured the lighting was flawless could not help but let out a 'woah' in awe.

"F\*\*K."

Everyone's attention turned to Director Qin in shock.

He then asked, "Was Little Blackie given enough screen time?"

Xiao Zhang immediately reacted, "Director, I didn't manage to capture it..."

Director Qin was enraged. "This scene is an absolute miracle, not only can this qualify as the best scene of the year, it will add at least 3 points to our movie. I can guarantee that the audience will cry till their tears run dry if they see this. But you... have the audacity to miss it out."

The photographer had a look of innocence. After working in the industry for the past 10 years, he was definitely skillful with the camera. Little did he expect to mess it all up twice in a day. What was worse is that he messed it up filming a dog. Who would have actually believed a dog would be better than the lead in acting.

The lighting technician, "This dog is way too amazing, how did you even to mess up twice?"

"This... This..."

"After so many years in the industry, I've never seen a dog as smart as Little Blackie! Even the dog who was a big hit in the drama series last year doesn't even come close."

"Afterall, Little Blackie is just a stray. Could he have picked up acting just by watching us over the years?"

At this moment everyone was stunned and started to chatter, discussing how they thought Little Blackie learned how to act. If not for what they had witnessed, they would never have believed that a dog could act like that."

Even teacher Liu was shocked... After all these years working as a trainer, he had never witnessed such intelligence.

Director Qin sighed to himself muttering under his breath, "I can't believe we actually failed to capture such an amazing moment. What a waste..."

The filming crew were also utterly disappointed in themselves.

"Director Qin, don't be too disappointed, we can always just retake the scene," Lin Fan comforted.

Director Qin sighed, "What Little Blackie had managed to do in the last scene was absolutely stunning. Are you sure that he would be able to achieve the same effect again?"

Lin Fan was at a loss for words.

"Only you can communicate with the Little Blackie. So... how are we going to achieve a continuous line of service from him?"

"If Little Blackie were to continue acting, I would need assurance that he would be willing to co-operate till the end."

Lin Fan smiled and assured, "Relax... It will all be fine. Little Blackie might be a stray but trust me, he is a dog who has great work ethics."

Director Qin seeing that Lin Fan was so confident smiled in delight before turning his attention to the crew. "Alright everyone listens up... I want both Little Blackie and Zi Le to be in the scene. Don't screw this up again. When Little Blackie starts tearing I want all focus to be on him and then we are done. All clear?"

If it weren't for Little Blackie's outstanding performance, he would have called it a day. However, with what Little Blackie had just displayed, there was no way he could leave it out of the scene.

Xiao Zhang nodded his head assuring Director Qin that he would not mess up the shoot this time.

"Everyone standby... Lights... Cameras... Action..." A deep feeling of anticipation filled Director Qin's heart.

Lin Fan waved to Little Blackie, signaling him to begin acting. Little Blackie instantly knew what to do and started working his magic. It was something about animals being able to display emotions that could really touch the hearts of the audience.

From what Director Qin had observed, Little Blackie would surely steal the spotlight from the main actor when the series was released and that was something that absolutely could not happen.

"Ahh..." Seeing Little Blackie's performance, Director Qin's excitement shot through the roof.

Perfect, everything was perfect.

The cameraman could not help but tremble watching Little Blackie's performance. If he was not behind the camera, carefully witnessing the whole scene, he would never have believed that such a thing was actually possible.

Under the scrutiny of the camera, Little Blackie's expression was amplified creating a staggering sight.

The expression on his face was as if he had actually lost his owner. The manifestations of grief, his tears accompanied by his howl rendered a unique atmosphere.

With such amazing acting from Little Blackie, there was no need for background music to enhance the sadness. His howl could be said to be the perfect background music.

"Cut.."

Director Qin yelled with a look of excitement on his face. He then turned to Lin Fan and thanked him, saying, "Thank you so much, I really don't know how to thank you for tonight. No matter what you say, I'm treating you to dinner tonight as an expression of my gratitude."

At this moment, Little Blackie ran over playfully with a look of anticipation on his face.

Lin Fan smiled and gestured, "There's really no need to thank me. Just make sure you reward Little Blackie properly."

Director Qin looked towards Little Blackie before turning his attention back to Lin Fan, "Don't you worry, he is my baby now, I'll take care of him to the best of my ability."

"Nope... what I and Little Blackie had agreed upon was that you bring him for the 'Full Package'."

Director Qin froze and asked, "What do you mean by a 'full package'?"

Lin Fan smiled, "Take him for a bath, a massage etc... You get what I mean."

Director Qin really wanted to say he didn't know what Lin Fan meant. But seeing Little Blackie wagging his tail, with his tongue out, he finally understood.

Lin Fan quietly said to Director Qin, "If you want him to co-operate in future, you better make sure he gets what he was promised!"

Director Qin was dazed but he eventually nodded his head.

What the actual F\*\*K, who knew that even dogs needed a 'full package'.

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## Chapter 230: Still a familiar scent

Naturally, Director Qin passed this important task to one of the crew members. The person selected was a young lad who did not have a girlfriend. When he got the director's orders to bring Little Blackie for the 'full package', he was stunned. He had never gotten this sort of treatment and a dog got it...

The young lad wanted to ask if he was supposed to look for a person or a dog for the 'full package', but in the end, he concluded that it must be a dog.

Lin Fan did not stay any longer in the studio because he had a hunch that Director Qin might take more scenes and upgrade Little Blackie from a supporting role to a role similar to the main actor.

If Little Blackie continued with these kinds of performances, Director Qin believed that this movie would be an absolute hit, no matter on the story front or the cinematics front.

Lin Fan dragged Wang Ming Yang and the rest to go off after seeing through what Director Qin was thinking, not giving him a chance to ask for more favors.

"Phew!"

"This Director Qin has plenty of ideas and he even dared to throw away everything he had taken beforehand, I wonder how much money he wasted just by doing that?" Lin Fan wondered.

Wang Ming Yang felt like he just witnessed a miracle. "How on earth did you communicate with the dog? This is simply amazing. I've been around so many circles of people and I've never seen something as spectacular as this. If you were to stream this to the masses, it would definitely attract the attention of the people, don't you think so?"



Xu Xin Le was still in a daze. "I didn't really take much notice at first, but when Little Blackie's face showed so much emotion, I was taken aback and I couldn't believe my eyes at first. I thought this movie had some potential but now with Little Blackie's performance, I think that this movie is going to be a real hit."

"You guys are over exaggerating! It's only a dog, I don't believe that he could carry the whole movie..."

Xu Xin Le didn't think it was so. Although the plot was important in making a movie successful, it ultimately was the actors who put the icing on the cake and make the movie come to life.

The crux of this movie was the battle scene. Creating the atmosphere of people losing their loved ones was the main challenge in making the movie. Little Blackie's performance brought the movie to a whole new plane. She could not put it into words, but she just knew that the scene just brought the movie to life and many people would be moved to tears by it.

"Brother Lin, you got it right. If it was before, Little Blackie would just be another one of the supporting roles and would make much of an impact on the movie. But with his acting, I can imagine that the movie would be absolutely brilliant. Just wait for the movie to come out in the cinemas and you'll see," Xu Xin Le was no critic, but she just knew that she was right.

Little Blackie performed so well with Brother Lin's guidance that Director Qin was reluctant to let Lin Fan leave. But if he had helped Brother Lin help, he might have to change a lot of things in the movie. However, Little Blackie could really act. Even though it wasn't human expressions, the dog's expressions could really capture the hearts of the audience.

"Alright, please invite me when it comes out. I really look forward to it," Lin Fan said expectantly.

"Don't you worry! Even if I don't say anything, Director Qin would definitely invite you. This movie is going to be a hit, and a large part of the effort was from you!" Xu Xin Le laughed.

Lin Fan waved his hands and said, "Alright. Anyway, I have a gathering with some of my classmates tonight. Do I have your permission to stop being the third wheel here or do you guys want to join me?"

"My fiancée and I don't really like crowds. Besides, my aunt gave me a call and invited me for dinner at her place," Wang Ming Yang smiled as he said.

"Damn!" Lin Fan stood frozen on the spot, before turning to look at Wang Ming Yang. "You should stop spouting so much nonsense, otherwise I might really lose it."

"Relax! Am I that kind of person?" Wang Ming Yang looked at Lin Fan and smiled. But to Lin Fan, this rascal was really that kind of person who could not stop bragging.

With such a huge company and so much free time, there was not much more that a man could improve on. But he knew that there were highly paid people who were in charge of the company and Wang Ming Yang could boss them around as he liked.

Between six to seven o'clock.

Bai Ke's restraint was situated on a food street. It wasn't a huge dining place with a small shop front. The restraint was handed down by Bai Ke's parents. After he graduated from high school, Bai Ke didn't choose the University route and instead learned culinary skills from his parents and took over the family business. Although he could not live extravagantly, he earned enough to live a comfortable life.

Hao Ke restaurant.

His small restaurant's shop front was a little run down and the interior looked like any other regular restaurant. The walls lined with wallpaper that had not been changed in years and a few four-seater tables scattered across the hallway.

This small restaurant was starkly different from the other restaurants around the area, keeping its historical charm. Most of the other eateries around sported a more modern look and sold a wide variety of different foods.

Rice-flour noodle shop.

Yellow chicken stew shop.

Hong Kong cafe.

Many different eateries!

Bai Ke's shop didn't really stand a chance against the other eateries around the area. Even before people could judge the restaurant based on the taste of the food, people were already turned away by the design of the shop since it was nowhere near attractive.

The customers occasionally chose where to eat based on the look of the restaurant. For a restaurant that looked like it came out of the twentieth century, a renovation was absolutely needed to remake the ancient looking exterior.

A young lady who was sweeping the floor immediately welcomed Lin Fan when he walked in, thinking that he was there to eat.

"Is Bai Ke in?" Lin Fan asked.

The young lady pondered his question for a moment before shouting towards the kitchen, "Someone is looking for you!"

Bai Ke's voice emanated from the kitchen even before he came out, "Lil' Fan, you're here?"

Bai Ke took off his apron, smiling as he walked out of the kitchen. "Come, let me introduce you guys to each other. Lil' Fan, this is my girlfriend Xiao Yan. Xiao Yan, this is my best friend from high school. He just came back yesterday, so I asked him for a bro's meeting today."

Xiao Yan smiled at Lin Fan and said, "I'll go and buy a pig head, you guys take your time to catch up!"

"Whoa, you have a girlfriend now!" Lin Fan laughed at Bai Ke after Xiao Yan had left.

Bai Ke grinned, "Yeah, that's for sure. Since my ability to earn money is not that much, my ability in other areas like finding a girlfriend must be good right?"

"When are you guys getting married?" Lin Fan asked.

"There isn't any rush now. I'm just trying to save up some money. Now, let's not talk about all this. Let me go and whip up a few dishes and then we can slowly catch up afterward. Don't you disappear!" Bai Ke said jokingly.

Lin Fan chuckled. "That would be perfect. When we were in high school, we always cooked our own stuff to eat but the real deal was your aunt's food. I hope you learned how to cook like her!"

When they were in high school, Lin Fan and the rest of the gang would sometimes come to Bai Ke's family restaurant instead of going home and eat until they were bloated. At that time, the business in the restaurant was brisk, with the main chef being Bai Ke's mother. However, after she had got burnt while cooking, she was not able to cook anymore. Bai Ke's grades in high school were not good, so he decided to take over the restaurant instead of going to university.

"Sure, just take a seat first, I'll go to the kitchen to whip up a few of my best dishes!" Bai Ke said happily.

"Sure, I'll act as a food critic and I'll judge your food," Lin Fan sat there, looking around the place and taking in the familiar scent.