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Upon seeing Elric get out of the car, the viewers couldn't hold back their comments.

"They actually invited El God! The production team is impressive."

"No wonder he's the mystery guest, truly saving the best for last."

"Of course, whether it's Justin or El God, both bring millions of fans with them."

"Kudos to the production team for getting El, who rarely promotes himself."

"Ahem, with El's picky and delicate nature, I doubt he can handle this place and the show."

"He definitely won't adapt. Suddenly, I want to see El mess up."

"Haha, same here."

"Watching El God fend for himself in such a place is going to be tough!"

"I wonder if there will be group tasks. If so, I can't help but feel sorry for El's teammates."

"Yeah, I'm also feeling a bit sorry for El's teammates now."

Fans of the other guests and casual viewers watching the live stream were all taken aback by the comments from Elric's fans. They couldn't help but think that Elric's fans were rather unique.

As Elric walked over, everyone greeted him. Although Alex didn't get

along with Elric, he wouldn't publicly show his displeasure during the live broadcast, so he greeted him as well.

With all the guests assembled, the director, Charles Barker, began to speak.

"Welcome everyone to the live reality show 'Starting From Zero'. Now, let me tell you about the plan for the next week. You will be staying here for a week, broadcasting your daily lives to the audience. The production team will only provide housing, kitchenware, and tools for you. Everything else is your responsibility."

Alex had never participated in a reality show like this before. He couldn't help but ask, "How are we supposed to take care of ourselves? Can we use our own money?"

Charles looked at him as if he had asked a naive question and said, "Of course, you can't use your own money. Your phones will also be temporarily confiscated by the production team, and you'll each be given a new one."

Then he shrugged. "As for how you live, I don't know either. It's up to you."

Curiously, Leslie asked, "What tools will you provide?"

He had previously participated in a survival-themed variety show where the production team only allowed them to bring three items and provided nothing else.

Charles replied, "We will provide any auxiliary tools you might need as much as possible. This show isn't about making things difficult for the guests, so it will be different from other programs."

He continued, "For example, if you need to catch fish, we can provide fishing nets or rods. If you want to chop wood, we can provide axes and similar tools. 'Starting From Zero' mainly focuses on how you manage to live without any money."

Alex was speechless. "Without any money, how are we supposed to survive? What can we use to buy food and drinks?"

After thinking for a moment, he asked, "Will you be giving us tasks to complete for rewards?"

Before coming here, he had watched two similar reality shows where the production team gave out tasks, and guests received rewards upon completion or went to work to earn money.

Charles smiled and replied, "No, during this week, we will not give you any tasks, nor will we interfere with you. You are free to live as you see fit."

He suggested, "For food and drinks, you can try to find things or trade with the villagers. Or you can ask the villagers if they need any help and exchange labor for food."

In similar reality shows, the production team usually gave tasks for the guests to complete.

However, their team wanted to try something new and decided to let the guests improvise in the first episode.

After all, it was a live broadcast, which might make it more interesting. If the results weren't satisfactory, they could add task assignments in the next episode.



The guests understood the director's intention.

Charles asked his assistant to bring over eight password-locked boxes labeled with their names.

“All right, please hand over your phones temporarily. Put your phones into the corresponding boxes; the initial password is six zeros, and you can set your own password. After this episode ends, you can open the password boxes and retrieve your phones.”

This method protected the privacy of the guests and ensured that no one from the production team would secretly access their phones.

Elric asked puzzledly, “What's the point of giving us new phones? Why can't we use our own?”

Charles explained, “The new phones have been set up by professional technicians. They can't download software or use the browser to go online.

“Each new phone has a temporary messaging app installed. The production team has added each of you as friends and created a group chat exclusive to the eight of you, making it easy for you to communicate.” 1

This was also to prevent any guest from adding another guest on a different communication app and harassing them after the show ended.

The guests understood the director's intention. This was to ensure they didn't have the chance to see their own performance and the audience's reactions during the recording.

When they initially discussed the show, the production team had

mentioned handing over phones, and they had agreed before signing the contract. Therefore, no one raised any objections now.

Following the production team's instructions, they placed their phones in the boxes and set passwords when the cameras were off. Then, each guest was given a new branded phone.

Elric opened it and looked. "Besides calling and navigation, this phone can't do anything else! This week is going to be boring."

Charles laughed. "The production team wants you to experience life without electronic entertainment, returning to simplicity."

Elric was shocked.

He suddenly regretted listening to his agent's persuasion to join this variety show. 1

Charles asked, "Do you have any other questions? If not, let's take you to where you'll be staying."

The guests all shook their heads. "No further questions."

So, Charles led everyone up a mountain path. "The place you'll be staying is up in the mountains. The road isn't very easy to walk on, so be careful."

Seeing that they not only had to walk but also had to take a mountain path, Olivia's expression changed slightly.

Her outfit was not suitable for hiking up a mountain. Before coming here, Oliver had told her to dress angelically. He wanted the audience to have a strong first impression of her and see her angelic side, which was why she dressed this way.



However, she didn't expect the filming location to be in the mountains. The production team had been too sneaky and didn't mention this in advance.

Naturally, Olivia wouldn't say this in front of the live audience. Instead, she lifted her skirt and followed everyone. 1

However, when walking up the dirt path, she pretended to twist her ankle and leaned towards Alex. Alex immediately reached out to support her and asked worriedly, "Via, are you okay?"

Olivia shook her head, "I'm fine. It's just that these shoes aren't suitable for hiking."

Alex frowned and asked Charles, "Mr. Barker, can't we take a car into the village?"

Charles replied, "The mountain road is too narrow and steep for cars to go up."

Olivia's heart sank when she heard this. She didn't want to hike up in five-centimeter high heels and knew she couldn't. But she couldn't show it.

She gave Alex a determined smile. "Brother, I'm fine. Let's keep going."

Given how much Alex cared about her, he certainly wouldn't let her continue walking.

Sure enough, Alex appeared disapproving. He said, "You can't walk up in those shoes; your feet won't be able to handle it."

How could his sister hike in high heels?

Plus, her dress was so long she could trip on it at any moment. He was

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wearing flat shoes and a suit, and even he felt uncomfortable walking.



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