

Chapter 78

Olivia and her group found a busy little square in town to perform. While they attracted a decent crowd, few people tipped after the performance.

They managed to collect just over fifty dollars, largely due to Justin, the seasoned actor. Olivia counted the money in the box, feeling disappointed. She had expected to earn more from their street performance, but they only got fifty bucks.

If it were any other time, she wouldn't even bother picking up fifty dollars from the ground. She forced a smile and said to the group, "With this little money, we'll have to be frugal for dinner."

Justin sensed that Olivia was putting on a brave face but was actually feeling quite down. He comforted her, "Actually, earning this much isn't bad at all."

"Olivia, your guitar playing was excellent. I saw people really enjoying it," he added. "But this is a small, remote town. Most people don't know us and aren't used to tipping for performances."

He smiled and said, "Next time, we'll try to earn more."

Hearing this, Olivia's mood improved. She realized that today's goal wasn't about making money but showcasing her talent.

She put on a determined and positive expression, giving a thumbs-up gesture. "Mr. Justin is right. We'll keep working hard and get better."

If Lindsay hadn't set such a high standard, the audience might have thought their performance was decent. But now, they only saw it as mediocre, so it was no surprise they only earned fifty dollars—thanks to Justin.



Next, Olivia suggested they go to the market to buy groceries.

While shopping, she gave Justin the money to take the lead in buying, using the excuse of needing to use the restroom.

After coming out of the restroom, she didn't immediately return to the camera. Instead, she exchanged a glance with a familiar show staff member. The staff member slowed their pace, and the two walked together.

They deliberately lagged behind the others in front. Olivia asked in a low voice, "How was our performance received in the live stream this afternoon?"

She expected that the viewers would praise her for being talented and hardworking. The staff member replied tactfully, "It was okay."

In reality, the response was lukewarm. Olivia was taken aback. "Just okay?"

The staff member nodded. "Yes. The main reason is that the other live stream was too impressive, and most viewers were drawn to them. Otherwise, your performance would be considered rather good."

Olivia's heart sank. "The other live stream was too impressive?"

She feigned curiosity and asked, "What was so impressive about it?"

The staff member didn't hold back and started explaining. "Lindsay played several instruments. Some people accused the show of scripting her performances, saying she was just acting according to a script."

"Then, Lindsay boldly challenged those doubters to request songs, and she would play them. And she really did it, using different instruments for each piece. She didn't just play them; she played with skill and



emotion.

"Her performance was so outstanding that it dispelled all doubts and even trended on social media. And she also played the same guitar piece you did. Because she had already demonstrated her skill on several instruments, everyone said she played it better than you."

In fact, with Lindsay's exceptional performance preceding hers, Olivia's guitar piece seemed lackluster by comparison. However, the staff member wisely refrained from mentioning this directly.

Olivia felt a wave of dizziness and almost fainted from anger.