

Chapter 1431: Absolute Strength

“Boo-hoo! Now that I’ve seen him in person, I know why Mr. Lu dotes on Lu Bei so much. If it were me, I would also dote on Lu Bei!” A female staff member excitedly communicated with her colleague beside her.

“That’s right. How can anyone not be willing to support Lu Bei? Not to mention pampering him, I can even give him the entire world!”

“Can you afford to? Don’t get any ideas.”

“I know that he belongs to Mr. Lu, but I’m just thinking about it. I’ll go back and ship them later!”

“I heard that Mr. Lu personally sent Lu Bei over just now. It’s really too sweet.”

Su Bei curled her lips and smiled. She found her seat and sat down. Because she couldn’t expose her identity for the time being, she didn’t bring Xiao Bai, her assistant, with her. Instead, Lu Heting appointed his assistant to come over and take care of her.

The assistant of the head of Lu Group had to come and take care of Lu Bei. Although it could not be said to be a grievance, it could be considered a slight waste of resources. The assistant could only try his best to put away the unwillingness in his heart and follow Lu Bei.

“Sister Yang, Brother Zhao,” Su Bei greeted the two people who arrived first.

Sister Yang said with a smile, “Lu Bei, you’re here. Today is the first scene between you and Sixiu. I’m really looking forward to it.”

Su Bei smiled and didn’t answer her. When she was using Lu Bei as a stepping stone online, she didn’t have such an attitude. The difference in the way she treated Lu Bei in person and behind his back was really uncomfortable.

On the other hand, Zhao Sixiu nodded at Lu Bei indifferently. His attitude was surprisingly consistent.

“Lu Bei, I bought you some snacks. These are all very nutritious and don’t contain too much sugar. You can fill your stomach a little when you’re hungry.” A few staff members ran over and timidly handed the things to Su Bei.

Su Bei accepted them politely. “Thank you, but you don’t have to buy these next time. I’m very happy to receive them, but I prefer to see you spend your money on yourselves and take good care of yourselves.”

“Yes, yes, of course.” They scurried away, their faces flushing.

Lu Bei was really too gentle and considerate.

“Mr. Zhao, Mr. Lu, the filming is about to start. Please come over and prepare.” The director’s assistant came forward to remind them.

“Alright, on my way.” Lu Bei stood up and followed the makeup artist into the dressing room.

Some of the staff members who had temporarily finished working on a segment also gathered together. They wanted to see how the scene would be filmed. Moreover, most of their attention was on Lu Bei.

Sister Yang secretly reminded Zhao Sixiu, “Your chance is here. Seize it.”

Although she did not dare to offend Lu Heting, it was not a problem for Zhao Sixiu to suppress Lu Bei in the movie. Lu Heting could not come looking for trouble because others were too professional, right?

Zhao Sixiu acted as a police officer. His makeup and hairstyle didn’t need much work, so he quickly got changed.

Meanwhile, Lu Bei was still busy getting his makeup done.

It wasn’t that Lu Bei needed more work done on his face. It was just that in this first scene, he had to look like an extremely agile young man. He appeared at the crime scene with blood on his face and clothes. The blood needed special effects makeup.

When Lu Bei came out after putting on his makeup, his face was even paler. The blood on his face also looked even more glaring and gloomy.

His face was breathtakingly beautiful.

Director Jiang walked over and said with a smile, “Lu Bei, Sixiu, the scene today is the highlight. We’ll use this scene at the beginning to help you get into your characters. Are you ready?”

“We’re ready, Director Jiang,” Zhao Sixiu and Lu Bei said in unison.

Unlike other directors, who would first film some gentle scenes to help the actors get into their characters, Director Jiang chose the highlight scene. It was indeed a test of the actors’ skills.

Sister Yang knew that Zhao Sixiu would perform well in today’s scene. The fighting and martial arts involved in this scene were Zhao Sixiu’s strengths. This would help in highlighting his own characteristics.

As for Lu Bei... with his size and ability, could he go up against Zhao Sixiu in this battle?

Lu Bei appeared at the crime scene and looked at the body on the ground. He did not understand what had happened here and how it had anything to do with him.

He looked very confused, annoyed, frustrated, and even a little afraid. Was this messy murder scene really unrelated to him?

At that moment, the police arrived. Zhao Sixiu ran in front, trying to catch the suspect in front of him.

Lu Bei was deep in thought when he heard footsteps approaching. He quickly stood up, intending to escape through the window. He did not want to be caught by the police when he did not know if the matter was related to him.

“Stop!” However, Zhao Sixiu came very quickly. Before Lu Bei could leave, he was stopped by him.

Without any lines, the two of them fought.

The martial arts choreography had already been taught to the two of them yesterday. This scene would probably last for at least a few minutes.

This was too easy for Zhao Sixiu.

Although the Lu Bei in front of him had changed, it was still a fact that Lu Bei was a very beautiful person. He was not suitable for such a battle.

Zhao Sixiu wanted to display his ability immediately to intimidate Lu Bei.

Su Bei could tell from Zhao Sixiu's eyes what he was thinking. Apart from the production team, no one else believed in her ability when she first joined the cast. If she relied on her looks alone, she could gain temporary favor. However, if she wanted to convince everyone, she had to rely on absolute strength.

With this thought in mind, Su Bei did not delay at all. She was already talented in this aspect and had even undergone several professional training sessions. Soon, Zhao Sixiu was defeated by her and was at a disadvantage.

The staff members who didn't know about the plot couldn't help but clap. "What a good performance. Zhao Sixiu's martial arts moves are so powerful. He's bursting with hormones."

"What surprises me is that Lu Bei is able to fight with Zhao Sixiu for so long. Oh my God, his movements are too elegant and agile. He's on par with Zhao Sixiu."

"Yes, one looks manly while the other is more demure, but they're both really handsome!"

Only Zhao Sixiu's expression turned ugly. He gritted his teeth and was shocked. Lu Bei, who looked weak and harmless, was not inferior to him at all. He had already used all his strength, but he was still defeated by Lu Bei.

Looking at Lu Bei's calm face, it was obvious that he had not used too much strength.

Chapter 1432: He's Better Than Me, Okay?

Others might not be able to see the problem, but Zhao Sixiu was already doubting his life.

Director Jiang called 'cut' and said, "This shot isn't bad. You're all getting into your characters very quickly. But Sixiu, you and Lu Bei should be evenly matched in this scene. Don't give in just because Lu Bei is thin. Let's do it again."

Only then did the onlookers realize that the person who had displeased the director was actually Zhao Sixiu.

The two of them fought quite well, but Zhao Sixiu failed.

"Again." Zhao Sixiu had high expectations of himself to begin with. He was not satisfied with his performance just now. Even if the director did not say it, he could not possibly think that his performance earlier could pass.

After composing himself, he started over.

After gaining a certain understanding of Lu Bei's skills, Zhao Sixiu raised his guard. He knew that he could not underestimate him anymore and was already fully focused on dealing with him.

Su Bei could see in his eyes that he was wary of her and taking it seriously this time.

This time, Su Bei still did not give in to him. If she could not let him know her strength in the beginning, their cooperation later would not go smoothly.

He had to be willing to cooperate with her. That way, the movie would have greater tension and the whole story would be more convincing.

Making a movie didn't rely on the efforts of just one man. It relied on the hard work of all the staff and actors present. One person won't be able to turn the tide and pull up the entire movie, and a good movie shouldn't have obvious shortcomings.

Although Zhao Sixiu and Lu Bei started fighting, there was still a gap between them and a difference in the fighting style that Director Jiang wanted.

"Rest for a while. Sixiu, think carefully about how you should carry out this scene. Don't always give in to Lu Bei. He can't be broken. He's not porcelain. Are you afraid that you'll have to pay compensation if you hurt him?" Although Director Jiang was a very high-ranking director, he was very humorous.

Just a few words from him removed the awkward atmosphere.

During the break, Sister Yang asked, "Sixiu, what's wrong with you? Isn't fighting your forte? Why can't you even compare to Lu Bei?"

"He's better than me, okay?" Zhao Sixiu said in a muffled voice.

Sister Yang was stunned. "Are you serious?"

Lu Bei looked so weak that no one would think that he had that kind of ability.

However, the truth was that Director Jiang had already lectured Zhao Sixiu about the scene several times, but the shot still did not pass.

Lu Bei was clearly performing normally, but Zhao Sixiu just couldn't keep up... He had to admit that he had underestimated Lu Bei and didn't dare to underestimate Lu Bei's ability anymore. It made sense for Director Jiang to choose Lu Bei as the male lead.

The blood on Lu Bei's face had already dried and shifted. He went to fix his makeup.

Zhao Sixiu put down the towel to wipe his sweat and walked to Lu Bei's side. He said, "Lu Bei, let's go through it before filming starts."

"Alright." Su Bei nodded.

For the time being, she did not know if Zhao Sixiu's suggestion was sincere or if he wanted to play tricks, so she raised her guard.

After she got her makeup done, Su Bei came out. Zhao Sixiu leaned against the wall and gestured for her to come over.

Su Bei stepped forward. As soon as she took action, she knew that Zhao Sixiu's opposing emotions had eased a lot. He probably knew in his heart that it was more important to cooperate and not be hostile.

Su Bei followed him and went through the movements.

After Director Jiang shouted for them to start again, Su Bei put away her emotions that were specially targeted at Zhao Sixiu and no longer deliberately suppressed him. All her moves were reciprocated. Zhao Sixiu also clearly felt that the pressure on him had lessened. Finally, he and Su Bei got through the scene.

"Not bad, not bad. See, you guys are getting into your characters now?" Director Jiang shouted. "This scene is over. Let's pack up for lunch."

Zhao Sixiu looked down at the time and realized that they had used four hours to film the scene just now and it was all because of him.

A chill ran down his spine. He finally understood why Director Jiang had chosen Lu Bei. He was young and inexperienced, and his reputation was not well-known. He had no experience before, but the moment he acted, people would completely forget that he was a newbie.

This time, he was convinced.

The production team distributed lunch boxes one by one. Someone opened the lunch box and said in surprise, "Wow, there are so many dishes. There's actually fish, meat, prawns, and all kinds of delicious mushrooms. The soup is even borscht. Isn't our production team too generous?"

"That's right. I thought it would be the same food given to other crews out there. It's usually the same boring three dishes and one soup every day. There won't even be a big piece of meat. I didn't expect to be so happy here."

"What do you know? This is all thanks to Lu Bei. Lu Corporation has taken care of all our food for the next four months. All of us can enjoy better food."

"Mr. Lu is really generous and handsome. He really loves Lu Bei. I'm so envious."

The assistant brought Su Bei's food over. Because the food in the production team was the same, it was inconvenient to specially cook for her alone. Therefore, Lu Heting took advantage of the fact that everyone knew about his relationship with Lu Bei and directly paid for the entire production team's food and beverage.

As for what the dishes were every day, of course, it was whatever Su Bei wanted to eat.

While eating, Su Bei received a message from Lu Heting.

[You wouldn't let me go in with you this morning. How are things?]

[Very good. After the morning shoot, Zhao Sixiu seems to have stopped acting out.]

[I didn't expect him to be less skilled than you.]

[Of course. Don't you know who taught me?] After saying that, Su Bei remembered that not only had Lu Heting taught her, but Feng Ze had also taught her before.

She changed the topic. [The lunch is delicious. Can I get a second serving?]

[Of course.] Lu Heting smiled. He naturally knew why she suddenly changed the topic.

She could sense even his faintest emotions. This satisfied him.

Needless to say, the scenes in the afternoon went very smoothly. Several scenes between Lu Bei and Zhao Sixiu were completed in one take.

Such success also motivated Zhao Sixiu. He was even more engrossed in his role and was very immersed in it.

In the afternoon, he kept getting good reviews from Director Jiang. At the end of his scenes in the afternoon, he smiled and high-fived Su Bei. "See you tomorrow, then."

"See you tomorrow," she said with a smile.

Zhao Sixiu turned around and realized that he did not hate people who looked too exquisite and beautiful, after all. Calling someone a sissy and looking down on them was really the greatest prejudice in the world.

Su Bei packed her things and walked out slowly. As soon as she stepped out of the studio, a soft voice stopped her. "Mr. Lu!"

Chapter 1433: Your Past Relationship

Su Bei turned around and saw a woman standing not far from her. She looked familiar. She thought for a moment, then remembered her name and identity.

Wang Jiarou was Lu Heting's fiancée.

No, ex-fiancée.

Wang Jiarou quickly walked toward Su Bei and said, "Mr. Lu, I'm Wang Jiarou. Can I have a chat with you?"

"What is it about?" Su Bei was also curious why this ex-fiancée, who had almost nothing to do with Lu Heting, was looking for her.

"Let's find a place to sit. I wish to talk to you about something," Wang Jiarou immediately said when she saw that Lu Bei seemed to agree.

Before she met Lu Bei, she had only seen photos of Lu Bei and Lu Heting appearing together on the internet. She did not think much of such a man.

However, when she saw Lu Bei in real life, she realized that his noble temperament was indeed charming. The youthfulness in his every move was really attractive.

Good looks sure went beyond gender. It wouldn't even be surprising if other men fell for a man like Lu Bei.

After sitting down in a cafe, Su Bei ordered a drink. Wang Jiarou said cautiously, "Mr. Lu, actually, I had no choice but to look for you this time. I'm sure you know very well that I'm Mr. Lu's fiancée, right?"

"Lady, shouldn't it be ex-fiancee?" Su Bei corrected her. "I heard that you didn't even show up when you were supposed to get married. It must have been almost six or seven years ago. It's a little inappropriate for you to say that now."

Wang Jiarou was a little embarrassed and uncomfortable for a few seconds. "I made a mistake. I really didn't expect Mr. Lu to be with you after a few years."

"Since you're an ex and you don't even have much interaction with him, it doesn't seem like you have anything to do with how he lives his life and what his feelings are."

"Yes, it has nothing to do with me. However, I'm not completely unrelated to him. I still have the betrothal letter that Old Madam Lu gave me back then. This engagement was never explicitly annulled."

When Su Bei heard this, she couldn't help but raise her eyebrows. Her eyebrows had been trimmed to a sharp point today. This action made her look a little imposing.

Wang Jiarou knew that she had been too blunt and said, "Mr. Lu, don't misunderstand. I didn't come back to snatch Mr. Lu from you."

"Well, you can't snatch him from me either. Don't make it sound like you gave him to me. The words you said today are very likely to cause a misunderstanding, but you even told me not to misunderstand. Just get straight to the point. There's no need to beat about the bush." Since she was using Lu Bei's identity, Su Bei couldn't be bothered to beat about the bush with her.

Wang Jiarou's face was a little red. Lu Bei's words clearly did not give her any face at all.

She held her coffee cup and crossed her fingers over it. "I came back this time because my family's business is in a crisis and we need investments to get through it. My father is the one who's been managing our family's business since he founded the company. Now that the company is in trouble and is about to go bankrupt, I don't want to watch my father's business collapse. Therefore, I had no choice but to come and ask Mr. Lu to help me on account of our past relationship. Mr. Lu, don't worry. My return has nothing to do with my feelings. It's just because of my career."

She said it pitifully. Her words were indeed filled with deep emotions, and her speech was very touching.

However, Su Bei understood what she meant. She said calmly, "You said that your family is in trouble and you came to Mr. Lu for help, but you keep mentioning that you used to be his ex-fiancee. Are you planning to use this to ask him to help you?"

"Mr. Lu, that's really not what I meant. I only mentioned the past because I wanted Mr. Lu to help me on account of our past relationship. You also know that Mr. Lu isn't such an easy person to meet. If he doesn't have any connections to that person, he won't help them. I didn't mean anything else by what I said." Wang Jiarou was anxious to defend herself.

"Since you're looking for Mr. Lu to invest in your business, why did you come looking for me? Just look for Mr. Lu. Your past relationship was with him, not me. Why are you looking for me?" Su Bei found a loophole in her words and looked at her sideways.

Su Bei's words pierced Wang Jiarou's heart and exposed her true purpose.

Wang Jiarou clasped her hands together uncomfortably. "I was thinking that since you're Mr. Lu's new lover now, he'll definitely listen to you. If you put in a good word for me, Mr. Lu will definitely listen to you. Besides, I believe that neither you nor Mr. Lu is willing to see me appear. After all, you and Mr. Lu are considered public figures now. If word gets out, it won't be good either..."

Su Bei listened to her calmly. This woman was really good at beating about the bush. Her words were clearly pitiful, but every word carried a deeper meaning.

Su Bei leaned back in her chair and said, "Miss Wang, first of all, I'm not Mr. Lu's new lover because you're not his old lover. Hence, you shouldn't call me his new lover. Also, I'm sure you know very well why he wanted to get married back then, why you sent your photo over, and why you were chosen, right? It's all just because you happened to be in the stack of photos and his assistant chose someone his grandmother thought was suitable. You must've had an opinion on this too. Otherwise, you wouldn't have missed out on your wedding day.

"Secondly, since you need him to invest in your business, please go through the proper channels to meet Mr. Lu. If you're capable of making money, your company can bring tangible benefits to Lu Group. I believe that Lu Group won't give up such a good opportunity.

"I'm a public figure now, so you think I'm afraid of gossip, which is why you're threatening me with the possibility of a scandal just to get me to help you, right?"

"Miss Wang, you keep saying that you want me to speak up for you in front of Mr. Lu, but there are traps buried everywhere in your words. Is this the right attitude to have when begging someone for help?"

A trace of panic flashed across Wang Jiarou's eyes.

Su Bei was right. Others might not know, but how could Wang Jiarou not know? It was precisely because she knew that Lu Bei was just a small celebrity in the entertainment industry who was given a role in a movie simply because he had followed Lu Heting for a long time. She treated Lu Bei as a fool and thought that with just a few simple words, she could make Lu Bei convince Lu Heting to help her.

She didn't expect that the speech she had thought about for so long would be analyzed to this extent. Su Bei saw through it at a glance and exposed her in just a few words.

Wang Jiarou felt that something was wrong and panicked.

Chapter 1434: Abandon

She forced herself to calm down and said, "Mr. Lu, I might have offended you because I'm stupid and didn't say the right things. However, that wasn't my intention. I don't have any intention of threatening you, nor do I have any intention of driving a wedge in your relationship with Mr. Lu. I'm really here to ask for help."

She hoped that this would still salvage part of the situation.

Su Bei raised her eyebrows and said calmly, "Don't you think your sincerity came too late?"

"Mr. Lu, I..."

Su Bei raised her hand and interrupted her. "Miss Wang, I'm just a small artiste. Although I'm with Mr. Lu, I don't have the right to interfere in his work matters regarding investments. That's his freedom, just as I don't wish for him to interfere in my work. So, go find someone who's in a position that can talk to him about this matter. Forgive me for not being able to help."

"Mr. Lu, I'm really anxious. My family is about to go bankrupt. My father is also old. If anything happens to him, I'm afraid I'll lose him forever," Wang Jiarou said as tears slowly fell.

It was not that Su Bei did not have sympathy, but Wang Jiarou's previous actions had already worn away her sympathy. If Wang Jiarou continued to do this, it would only increase Su Bei's feelings of disgust toward her.

Su Bei stood up and paid for the order. "Guilt-tripping is useless on me. That's your father and your family's business, not mine. If you have time to cry here, why don't you think of a legitimate plan? Miss Wang, please excuse me as I'll be taking my leave now."

She walked slowly out of the café.

Wang Jiarou subconsciously clenched her fists. She really didn't expect to encounter such a tough nut to crack. Lu Bei didn't even budge.

She originally thought that a man like Lu Heting was the most difficult to deal with. However, he did not expect that a man like Lu Bei, who hit the nail on the head and did not give anyone face, was also difficult to defeat.

As soon as Su Bei walked out, Lu Heting called her.

Su Bei was not surprised. After all, Lu Heting's trusted assistant was following her now. When Lu Heting found out about Wang Jiarou, he must have caused a huge commotion. Just now, she had already discovered that there were several bodyguards around her.

Lu Heting was really too careful. Was he worried that Wang Jiarou would attack her?

She smiled and picked up the call. "Yes, I'm out of the café now."

"You don't need to bother with someone like that, and you don't need to see her again next time. I'll get someone to send her away."

"But Wang Jiarou brought up her identity as an ex-fiancee. When the time comes and she really makes a fuss, who will believe that you didn't know her at all back then? Everyone will only think that you cheated on her and abandoned her. They'll think that I, the third party, interfered in your relationship and made Wang Jiarou leave."

Lu Heting's voice was gloomy. "Su Bei, are you deliberately trying to anger me?"

"I'm just being honest. If she goes out and makes a scene, it'll be ugly. I at least want to know what she's up to."

“I’ll find out exactly what she’s up to. Also, you mentioned abandoning her and all that. Are you sure about that?”

Hearing the cold voice on the other end, Su Bei knew that Lu Heting was angry. Her voice softened. “Of course not. I’m just afraid that others will say that. I don’t want us to be criticized.”

“Go home first. I’ll be right back.” Lu Heting hung up.

Su Bei stuck out her tongue. Was she too sarcastic? She must have been influenced by Wang Jiarou just now. She didn’t know the right words to say and kept nitpicking.

Of all things, why did she learn how to be sarcastic from Wang Jiarou?

Su Bei rushed home. Instead of going upstairs first, she sat in the car and waited for Lu Heting in the underground parking lot. When she saw the familiar low-key black luxury car, Su Bei immediately got out and stood there waiting for him.

Lu Heting’s gaze flickered when he saw the woman. He pursed his thin lips slightly, and there was a hint of gentleness in his eyes.

Su Bei ran forward and opened the door for him. She smiled and said, “Honey, you’re back!”

“Yes. If I didn’t come back soon, I’d be accused of abandoning you.” The man’s voice was a little cold. He got out of the car and stood in front of Su Bei.

“I didn’t mean that. Are you still angry?” She took his hand of her own accord. He tried to dodge but she refused to back away and clasped her fingers around his hand.

It was just a simple gesture, but it was filled with unspeakable possessiveness.

“Yes.” His tone still sounded unhappy. His dark eyes were slightly hidden as if he were hiding his true emotions.

Su Bei pulled away, put her hands on his shoulders, and kissed his eyebrows. “Feeling better now?”

The man’s eyes remained narrowed, making it impossible to read his true thoughts.

Su Bei licked her lips before kissing him on the lips, gently pressing on his thin, beautiful lips.

Lu Heting laughed softly and didn’t hold himself back anymore. Actually, he wasn’t really angry with her. He had always spoiled his woman. How could he be angry with her?

It was just that her kiss tasted too good, and he was a little greedy.

He tightened his grip on her waist and suddenly pulled her into his arms, making up for the unfinished kiss. Only then did his dark eyes ripple with satisfaction.

“Oh, you lied to me!” Su Bei realized and her cheeks puffed with anger.

“If I didn’t lie to you, I wouldn’t receive such good treatment.” Lu Heting’s tone was filled with confidence.

Su Bei snorted. ‘How scheming!’

“But if you’re not angry, why did you rush back?”

“I got someone to investigate Wang Jiarou. On the day I registered my marriage with you, I got Grandma to write an annulment letter for her. This was also filed at the lawyer’s office as I was afraid that such a problem would arise. Back then, I didn’t think of getting married because I had feelings for her, so there naturally wouldn’t be any loopholes in the arrangement.”

“No wonder she lacked confidence. In front of me, she used all kinds of words to provoke me. She tried to threaten me so that I’d put in a good word with you for her.”

Lu Heting narrowed his eyes and said, “On the way just now, I received the results of my assistant’s investigation. Wang Jiarou sent her photo over at her father’s request. Back then, there were countless people who wanted to marry into Lu Group.

“However, she had someone she liked, so on the day we were supposed to get married, she didn’t show up. Instead, she went abroad with the person she liked and ran a small company.”