

## Mr Han 1171

### Chapter 1171: Keeping It a Secret

Chief Lu grabbed his phone from the table and ran out immediately with Xiao Yue following closely behind.

Chief Lu called Lu Dongliu as he walked briskly.

“Chief Lu?” Lu Dongliu had just received news of Wang Juhuai and Lu Man’s arrival and was walking out.

“Xiao Lu, Wang Juhuai came with Lu Man?” Chief Lu asked. “I know your show invited Lu Man, but what’s up with Wang Juhuai? Did Lu Man invite him?”

“Yeah,” Lu Dongliu said with utmost confidence, feeling really proud. “Wang Juhuai is the mystery guest that Lu Man has found.”

“What the f\*ck!” Chief Lu suddenly cursed in front of the lift.

Lu Dongliu: “...”

Was that why he looked so embarrassing when he was talking on the phone with Lu Man the other day?

“You punk, why didn’t you tell me earlier?!” Chief Lu said accusingly, though he was not really angry about it.

She even invited Wang Juhuai over!

What could he be angry about?!

“We should keep this a secret, right? When the show airs, it will surely shock everyone!” Lu Dongliu explained as he laughed.

“You kept this a secret even from me?” Chief Lu said. “But we really do need to keep this a secret. Hang on.”

Without ending the call, Chief Lu told Xiao Yue, “Don’t follow me anymore, quickly go and make arrangements. Tell everyone in the station that no one is allowed to leak out the news of Wang Juhuai coming to our station to record a show. If anyone leaks this to the media, as long as there’s a slight bit of news from the media, I will definitely pursue the matter to the end. No one is to think they can escape just because they reported it anonymously. I would definitely investigate thoroughly and catch that person. If I catch him, that person can stop dreaming about working in television stations ever again!”

Chief Lu told Xiao Yue, “Relay my words clearly. From today onwards, everyone had better keep their lips sealed! Also, when we are recording Classic X Files, no one is allowed to bring their phones in. This includes the workers! Also, anyone from the other departments who wants to come and watch the recording will not be allowed to either!” Chief Lu said.

Chief Lu thought for a bit and felt that this would definitely increase the burden on the security and create unnecessary trouble, so he said, “Forget it. For today’s recording, just ban all the staff in the television station from going in to watch. Aside from the staff working on Classic X Files, everyone else from the other departments is barred from entry.”

“Understood.” Xiao Yue remembered everything by heart.

Chief Lu did not have other instructions for her, so she immediately went to relay his orders.

Chief Lu did not end the call, and hence, Lu Dongliu also heard the words he said.

“You heard what I told Xiao Yue just now right?” Chief Lu said.

“Yes, I understand,” Lu Dongliu said.

“I will transfer all the security officers from the television station over. You and your team will have to suffer for a bit,” Chief Lu said. “We will not allow any of the audience members to bring their phones in this time for the recording.”

“Okay,” Lu Dongliu replied.

“Has the confidentiality agreement been signed?” Chief Lu asked.

To prevent the show from being leaked, the television station had sent a confidentiality agreement to all the audience members who signed up this time.

If they wanted to watch the show, they had to sign the agreement.

If they did not want to sign it, they could refund the tickets and not come.

“Alright, when the recording has ended, let someone escort Wang Juhuai so he can leave discreetly. Don’t pass through any crowded areas,” Chief Lu instructed.

“Rest assured. I neglected this at the start and forgot to bring in Wang Juhuai discreetly,” Lu Dongliu said.

“I’m heading to the first floor. That’s all for now,” Chief Lu said and ended the call.

Chapter 1172: A Lifetime Series

He was just in time to meet Wang Juhuai on the first floor.

“Mr. Wang!” Chief Lu and Lu Dongliu walked over to welcome him and shook Wang Juhuai’s hand earnestly.

“Why didn’t you tell us you were coming beforehand? I would have sent someone to fetch you,” Chief Lu said. “Look at all these people around you—they didn’t bother you, right?”

“I’m not such a bigshot.” Wang Juhuai did not really mind it that much.

Chief Lu thought to himself, You may think you’re not a bigshot, but this is a world-premiere variety show!

“Even if you don’t care about it, others do!”

“Let’s go up first to talk,” Chief Lu immediately said.

The small group of people took the lift up together.

After they left, the lobby immediately burst into chaos.

“That’s Wang Juhuai, right? It’s Wang Juhuai!”

“Oh my god, I never imagined that I would be able to see Wang Juhuai in person in my lifetime!”

“I... I need to post this on Weibo!”

“I need to tell my friends about this!”

“It’s Wang Juhuai! Why did he come to our television station? When did our television station have such a great reputation?”

“Was Lu Man the person standing beside Wang Juhuai just now? Could it be that Lu Man was the one who invited him this time too?”

“What the f\*ck, who exactly is Lu Man? She could actually invite Wang Juhuai?”

“AHHH! I actually didn’t take a photo just now!”

“I took one!”

“Send it to me, quick, send it to me!”

“I wonder if we will be able to take a picture with Wang Juhuai later?”

“What did he come here for?”

“I heard that Classic X Files invited Lu Man for their finale episode. Could Wang Juhuai be the mystery guest that Lu Man has invited?”

Everyone was making their guesses while someone was exchanging the photos they took of Wang Juhuai!

All the leaders from the various departments suddenly appeared together and exclaimed angrily: “No one is allowed to send out the photos from today nor leak the news out!”

Everyone was stunned.

The leaders of each department identified their employees and said, “All of you come back to the office with me! There’s an urgent department meeting today!”

“Delete the photos you took of Wang Juhuai from your phone. What Weibo and chat groups with friends? You’re not allowed to post this on any form of social media. No one is allowed to leak the news out that Wang Juhuai came to our station today.”

“Chief Lu personally said that if anyone leaked out the news, he will definitely pursue the matter and make sure you guys won’t be able to survive in the television station industry!”

“Lay down your phones on the table. I will delete them myself!”

In every department, the same topic came up as well.

The leaders of every department personally checked and made sure that they had deleted all photos of Wang Juhuai from their phone and that it could not be recovered.

"I can tell you that Wang Juhuai had indeed come to participate in a show on our television station. You guys know too that Wang Juhuai had never participated in any kind of activities prior to this and does not accept any interviews at all, much less participate in variety shows and the like. This is not just Wang Juhuai's international debut on variety shows. This is his debut on a group interview show, a variety show, and his first public appearance in his lifetime! This is also his first official public appearance since he returned to the country!"

"Hence, the station views this with the greatest importance. His identity as a mystery guest cannot be leaked out even the tiniest bit! The station has already decided that we will excite the greatest furor! You guys, don't give me any trouble over this! I will put out my harsh words first. All of you better keep your mouths shut and guard it tightly until Classic X Files airs. No one is to leak out any bit of information on this!"

"It's not just to the media. This includes your family and friends. Everyone better keep check on yourselves these next few days and don't drink too much and spill everything out. Those who sleeptalk, sleep in a separate room from others! The audience members this time around have all signed a confidentiality agreement and have to hand over their phones before they enter to watch the show. You guys can see how important this is to the station this time."

Chapter 1173: A Father's Support

The people were let off after a round of warnings and instructions.

In the lift.

Lu Dongliu asked Chief Lu, "Are we going to our production team's office or your own office?"

Chief Lu asked, "Are all the other guests here?"

"Jiang Yuhan and Zheng Yikun, as well as their mystery guests, have not arrived," Lu Dongliu said.

Who knew if they did it on purpose?

Perhaps they did not mean to.

But perhaps it was because Lu Man's pay was higher than theirs so they were unhappy and purposely came a little later to show that they were still of a different level than her.

Although they had already explained that Lu Man's pay included her public relations' pay, Jiang Yuhan and Zheng Yikun were still displeased.

In the eyes of the unknowing people, that would just mean that Lu Man was of higher worth and value than them.

Hence, they were obviously unhappy and purposely came a little later than Lu Man today.

"Lin Yantao is here already?" Chief Lu asked.

"Yes, he is currently having his makeup done together with Teacher Zhang Sen," Lu Dongliu said.

"Let's go to my office first, then. There're many people on the team. We'll go and greet Lin Yantao and Zhang Sen later," Chief Lu said.

After saying that, Chief Lu laughed. "People with good acting skills and high status actually came early and don't care about vanity. Those who are not so accomplished are actually the ones putting on airs. Interesting."

Everyone knew that Chief Lu was referring to Jiang Yuhan and Zheng Yikun.

No one disturbed them all the way to Chief Lu's office. Chief Lu then said, "Mr. Wang, I've long looked forward to meeting you. I've never imagined that there would be a day when you would come personally to our television station to participate in one of our shows."

Chief Lu took a deep breath and said, "It's such a great honor! We really... we really don't deserve it!"

"Hahahaha!" Wang Juhuai laughed brightly. "It's not so serious. I really do not like to attend such shows. I just feel that it's troublesome and my personality is not suited for these kinds of things in the first place. But since you guys invited Lu Man, as her father, I naturally have to support her."

Before the astonished faces of Chief Lu and Lu Dongliu, Wang Juhuai continued without sensing anything amiss, "Also, I want to thank Director Lu. Thank you, Director Lu, for standing by Man Man and helping her."

Lu Dongliu really did not expect that. He just had a good impression of Lu Man and saw great potential in her. Hence, he decided to stand on her side. He never expected to receive such a huge surprise!

Hold up!

What did Wang Juhuai say?

He said he's Lu Man's father?

Wasn't Lu Man's father Lu Qiyuan?

They heard that Wang Juhuai remarried the moment he returned.

Could it be...

Both of them turned to look at Xia Qingwei at the same time.

Wang Juhuai smiled and did the introductions, saying, "This is my wife, Lu Man's mother."

Both of them understood it the moment he said that.

Chief Lu's heart was palpitating rapidly.

What kind of luck did Lu Man have?! This was almost going against the heavens!

She managed to work with two great directors right after her debut and even got on such good terms with them. Sun Yiwu and Ji Cheng personally came to attend the show to help her.

At first, they thought that Lu Man was already very fortunate back then.

They never expected that they had been too naive!

Lu Man was actually Wang Juhuai's stepdaughter!

Furthermore, based on Wang Juhuai's attitude, he was not awkward with Lu Man at all. He treated her just like his own daughter.

There were some second-generation stars whose appearance was boosted by their parents attending the same show as them.

But those were their biological parents.

Wang Juhuai put in so much effort for Lu Man and treated her just like his own.

At first, there were some people who said that Lu Man had no connections. In the end, she'd invited Sun Yiwu and Ji Cheng.

Afterward, there were some people who said that Lu Man's background was not good. In the end, her father turned out to be Wang Juhuai!

Chapter 1174: Is Lu Man Not Here Yet?

Haha!

Lu Dongliu could not help but laugh.

Who else would dare say that Lu Man had no background or connections?

Given Wang Juhuai's status, a Hollywood female lead role might not be a guarantee, but for any other important role, as long as Lu Man wanted it, she would surely be able to get it.

What more within the country?

While the actresses in the country were still vying for the Best Actress title, Lu Man could already easily get roles both in and outside of the country.

It was just that no one knew about this yet and Lu Man never mentioned it, keeping a really low profile instead.

Even Chief Lu admired Lu Man.

Everyone knew that it had been a while since Wang Juhuai had remarried, but Lu Man actually did not mention anything at all.

If it were someone else, that person would have already announced it "accidentally" or used reporters to expose this and create publicity for themselves.

With Wang Juhuai's reputation, how would people like Liang Chengbing dare to offend Lu Man?

Who'd have expected that Lu Man would not say anything?

Perhaps she did not want to use Wang Juhuai's name to boost her career and just wanted to work hard using her own efforts.

Even if that was the case, they really could not help but admire her.

Lu Dongliu continued to explain, "Mr. Wang, as you are the mystery guest for our show, we will especially arrange for you to leave from another exit after the recording ends. This is to prevent your exposure, lest others take photos of you if you leave from the station's main entrance."

Wang Juhuai was fine with this arrangement. "I'll follow your arrangements, it's not an issue."

Chief Lu and Lu Dongliu could not help but feel that Wang Juhuai agreed too readily. He was really amiable and did not put on airs at all. He did not have any special requests either and was really easygoing.

Lu Dongliu asked, "Mr. Wang, do you have any other requests? As long as you ask, we will do our best to meet them."

Wang Juhuai laughed. "I don't have any special requests, just give my wife a good seat. This is her first time seeing me and Man Man on stage. Also, when we're on the stage later, please let the emcee know that Man Man plays the lead role, don't let me take away her spotlight. Please try your best to showcase Man Man."

He was really considerate of Lu Man and even thought of this.

"No problem." Lu Dongliu immediately agreed. These were all trivial things.

Chief Lu checked the time. "The time is about right. Let's go over together."

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At this moment, Jiang Yuhan and Zheng Yikun arrived in the dressing room backstage, as if they had agreed on the time together.

Lin Yantao and Zhang Sen had already had their makeup done. Both men were not idols to begin with. Although Lin Yantao was a fashionable and good-looking man, his image was that of a tough, good-looking man.

Both of them simply had foundation on and had had their eyebrows drawn so that they will look better on camera.

When Jiang Yuhan and Zheng Yikun came, they bowed very respectfully to Lin Yantao and Zhang Sen as they greeted them, "Teacher Lin, Teacher Zhang, apologies, we came late and made you both wait."

"There's no waiting, the recording hasn't started anyway," Lin Yantao said politely.

Jiang Yuhan glanced across the surroundings and did not see Lu Man at all.

She felt that this timing should have been sufficiently late, but she never thought that she would actually lose to Lu Man!

"Director Chi, Lu Man isn't here yet?" Jiang Yuhan asked.

Chi Xingrui smiled and said, "Lu Man is already here. However, she has some things to settle, so she will need some time before she can come over."

Jiang Yuhan frowned lightly. "Is she so busy? She came already but she's not even here."

She was really putting on some airs.

Lin Yantao and Zhang Sen were already here, yet Lu Man actually dared to put on airs.

She really did not know where Lu Man got her confidence from.

However, Jiang Yuhan was smarter than Qiao Luna. She did not say it directly. She just shook her head resignedly and sat down to let the makeup artist put on her makeup. She said politely, "Sorry I came a little late. I rushed here right after I got off the plane. I put on some light makeup on my way here, you can just help me touch up a bit. It should not be too much trouble."

Chapter 1175: A Slap in the Face

The makeup artist did not say anything. When she was having her makeup touched up, Jiang Yuhan asked again, "I wonder if Lu Man will have time to have her makeup touched up when she comes later."

After a while, Jiang Yuhan said to Chi Xingrui, "Director Chi, isn't it almost time? Why don't you contact Lu Man? She still hasn't come. It's fine even if so many of us wait for her here, but we can't possibly let the audience wait for too long."

Shen Cang, the guest that Jiang Yuhan brought and the second male lead of Sounds of Winter, also said in displeasure, "Is she some bigshot or what? She hasn't even made a name for herself and is already put on some airs. Teacher Lin here didn't even put on airs."

Lin Yantao almost laughed from anger.

They were the ones who were unhappy with Lu Man—they shouldn't drag him down with them.

Lin Yantao was used to arriving early lest he gave other people trouble.

This had nothing to do with his status. He was just self-disciplined.

Similarly, having been in the entertainment industry for so long, he had always pursued "Buddhist development"[1] and had never compared or competed with others.

It was out of good intentions that he managed to make a name for himself through this Buddhist development.

He could guess the reason behind Jiang Yuhan and the others' displeasure with Lu Man this time, but he was not bothered by it.

Although Lu Man's pay was lower than his, even if it was higher, he would not be bothered by it either.

He did not care how much others were worth. He knew what he was worth. As long as the show paid him what he deserved, he would not have any opinions about it.

Lin Yantao chuckled. "I'm fine with it. Anyway, there's still some time before the recording, so there's no need to rush."

He thought about it and still felt that he had not vented his anger enough, so he added with a faint smile, "Anyway, I've waited for you all as well."



Jiang Yuhan and the others' expressions changed. They felt a little guilty and did not dare to say anything more.

Although Lin Yantao pursued Buddhist development, he did not really have a "Buddhist temper."

He had his own temper too.

At that moment, Chief Lu brought Wang Juhuai and the others over and happened to hear what Jiang Yuhan and Lin Yantao said.

Wang Juhuai did not know who Jiang Yuhan was, so he came in first and said politely, "My apologies, we came late."

Even then, as long as he came, it was just like a crude slap on Jiang Yuhan's face!

Everyone in the dressing room was dumbfounded.

Lin Yantao stood up in astonishment while Zhang Sen's mouth fell open in shock.

Jiang Yuhan felt like her organs were about to contort.

She stared at Wang Juhuai, then at Lu Man, and realized that Chief Lu had even personally escorted them!

It made sense. It's Wang Juhuai, after all. Of course Chief Lu had to accompany them.

Could it be... that Lu Man's mystery guest was Wang Juhuai?

No, it could be that the production team invited Wang Juhuai. It might not be related to Lu Man!

"Lu Man and Mr. Wang have arrived long ago. I had things to discuss with both of them, so they had been in my office with me earlier," Chief Lu explained. He glanced at Jiang Yuhan and said, "My apologies, we delayed the time for a while."

Jiang Yuhan's lips twitched. She felt as if her mouth was almost paralyzed.

"No... no... I..." She did not know how she should explain herself.

Zheng Yikun quietly heaved a sigh of relief.

He was displeased with Lu Man too and wanted to make things difficult for her at first.

Luckily, he did not have a chance to speak first.

The person with the least stress at the scene was Lin Yantao. He had not spoken a single bad thing at all.

Lin Yantao excitedly walked over with big steps as he said, "Mr. Wang! Nice to meet you!"

He shook hands with Wang Juhuai earnestly, completely turning into a starstruck fan.

After shaking hands, he even clutched his own hand and refused to let go of it, thinking that he had better not wash his hands today.

"I have always been a fan of yours and really love your music. I still have the violin music piece you wrote at home!" Lin Yantao said. "I've always wished that I could attend one of your concerts."

[1] A calm and peaceful development that seeks to avoid conflict as much as possible, to figuratively live like a Buddha.

Chapter 1176: What Is Going On?

“It’s a pity that you have yet to hold a concert in the country,” Lin Yantao said regretfully. “I haven’t been able to get tickets to your overseas concerts so far, or I would have especially flown overseas to attend your concerts.”

Having money alone would not guarantee that one would be able to buy tickets to Wang Juhuai’s concert.

Each time he was about to hold a concert, many of the rich and famous would start to pull strings to buy tickets.

In the end, other people would not be able to get tickets at all.

Furthermore, Wang Juhuai could not hold numerous concerts at all.

Holding one concert once a year was already hard to guarantee, which made the tickets even more hard to get.

Lin Yantao could afford the tickets, but he could not get them still!

Wang Juhuai smiled and turned to Lu Dongliu. “Will there be enough time on the show today?”

Lu Dongliu was shocked!

Was Wang Juhuai thinking of performing a piece live on stage?

Then the audience members who came for the recording today would have totally gotten a steal!

The tickets to their show cost only a few hundred dollars. However, even the cheapest of Wang Juhuai’s concert tickets were worth tens of thousands of dollars, not to mention all the other additional costs that came with traveling overseas that domestic audiences would have to undertake.

The thought of people paying a few hundred dollars to listen to a performance that was worth thousands actually made Lu Dongliu’s heart ache a little.

“Do you want to...?” Lu Dongliu tried to hide the excitement in his voice, afraid that he might have gotten the wrong idea, so he asked in a really careful voice.

Wang Juhuai said amiably, “If there is enough time on the show, I can perform a piece live. Will that be suitable?”

“It is suitable! It’s perfect!” Lu Dongliu gushed excitedly as his voice suddenly went up a notch, giving everyone a scare.

He immediately tried to calm himself down in embarrassment and said, “Our show is recorded, so even if the show exceeds the usual timing, it can be edited and cut afterward. Furthermore, this is your performance we are talking about! Anything is worth it!”

Oh my god, Wang Juhuai was not only making his international variety debut on their show, but he was also going to perform in the country for the first time on it!

That's right, it would be his first domestic performance!

Although it would probably only be one song, it was also Wang Juhuai's first time performing on stage domestically!

Lu Dongliu could no longer hold back the excitement he felt. The viewership ratings for their finale episode would surely hit the roof!

It might probably become a classic in the history of variety!

Chief Lu immediately said, "Since this is the finale episode, we can make it a special episode with an extended duration. We will hold a meeting with the various departments after this to settle the airtime and duration for this episode. We can shift the shows before and after Classic X Files a little to make time for this finale episode."

As this was the best show on Dong Hua Station, Lu Dongliu had always been highly valued by the station.

However, there had never been a time like this when the station gave him their full and utmost support.

At that moment, his heart swelled immensely with pride.

The emcee, Fan Yue, had also heard the news that Wang Juhuai came, so he quickly rushed over.

"Chief Lu, Director Lu, Mr. Wang!" Fan Yue exclaimed as he looked at Wang Juhuai in excitement.

Wang Juhuai smiled politely and greeted, "Hello."

"Hello, hello! I am Fan Yue, the emcee for this show." Despite being an emcee who makes a living with his glib tongue, Fan Yue was so excited he almost stuttered.

"I know. Since Man Man is coming on this show, I naturally had to check, so I watched a few earlier episodes of your shows to get a general understanding of things," Wang Juhuai explained as he smiled.

Fan Yue stared at Lu Man in astonishment.

What was going on?!

Was Wang Juhuai that close to Lu Man?

Lin Yantao was also stunned.

Just like Jiang Yuhan, he thought that Wang Juhuai was a guest that the production team had spent an unimaginable amount of money and effort to invite.

He belonged in the classics team.

Chapter 1177: Nothing to Do with Them at All

However, judging from Wang Juhuai's words, why did it sound like he was invited by Lu Man?

Could it be that he was really the mystery guest invited by Lu Man?!

Jiang Yuhan's expression changed drastically at this.

She stared dead at Lu Dongliu until he could sense Jiang Yuhan's piercing gaze on him.

Lu Dongliu was still very confused. Why was Jiang Yuhan staring at him like this?

That look was so expectant, as if hoping that he would say something.

Lu Dongliu did not know what Jiang Yuhan expected him to say, but he remembered what Wang Juhuai asked him to say.

Hence, in front of everybody, Lu Dongliu told Fan Yue, "Brother Yue, when we're recording later, Mr. Wang's wish is that we can focus the topics on Lu Man. As he is Lu Man's mystery guest, Lu Man is still the main lead. Mr. Wang doesn't want us to put the spotlight on him this time."

The effect of the mystery guest was supposed to be a surprise and was slotted as the last segment of the show. This was to prevent the mystery guests from taking the limelight away from the main guests.

Hence, no matter what, it would not have much of an impact on Lu Man.

"Also, Mr. Wang will be performing a song live tonight. Don't worry about the length of the show. We will discuss and settle the duration of the finale episode after the recording," Lu Dongliu said. "Chief Lu means that the finale episode will be made into a special extended episode and will ask the other shows to cooperate with us first. So, Brother Yue, you need to maintain the tempo of the show, but you don't need to keep track of the time."

Jiang Yuhan was surprised. She never expected her luck to be so good.

She came to attend the finale episode, which would be extending its airtime.

With Wang Juhuai around, the viewership ratings would surely break the records.

This was definitely a chance for her to increase her popularity!

Zheng Yikun glanced sideways at the elated look on Jiang Yuhan's face and thought to himself that Jiang Yuhan still had not fully grasped the situation.

The production team did not intend to extend the airtime for the show originally, so why did they suddenly decide to do it?

Wasn't this because they suddenly realized that Wang Juhuai came to participate in the show?

That time was specially added for Wang Juhuai.

Even if there was extra screentime, it was for Wang Juhuai. With Wang Juhuai around, Lu Man would also get a fair share of screentime as well.

As for the others?

Haha!

It had nothing much to do with them at all.

Jiang Yuhan was still overwhelmed with joy. Who knew what she was getting excited about.

Another makeup artist reminded them, "Let me put on the makeup for both of you first."

"Yes, yes. Put on the makeup first." Lu Dongliu was also reminded of this just then.

Wang Juhuai waved his hand off and said, "Just do it for Man Man, leave me out of this. I'm not used to putting on these things."

No one dared to go against Wang Juhuai's wishes. As long as he did not go overboard with his requests, no one would force him.

If Wang Juhuai did not want to put on makeup, no one would insist that he did.

Hence, only Lu Man went to let the makeup artist put on makeup for her.

When she was almost done, Chi Xingrui, who had previously gone to manage the situation at the reception area, came back and told everyone, "It's almost time. Another 15 minutes more and we should officially start. Most of the audience had already been seated. I will go and interact with the audience members in a bit and shoot some special features, after which it should be time."

Meanwhile, the audience had already entered the venue.

"What's going on this time around? The security and checks are so strict."

"Yeah. Did you sign that confidentiality agreement?"

Some of the audience members came in groups, but because of the competitive registration process, most of the audience members came on their own. They got to know each other after talking to the people beside them and exchanging the information they knew.

"I signed it. Why are the requirements so strict this time? We need to sign a confidentiality agreement and will even be fined if we flout the agreement. I almost didn't dare to come. However, I did not want to waste the ticket that I had painstakingly secured and was reluctant to give it up just like this, so I signed it grudgingly. I just won't say anything at most."

Chapter 1178: Officially Starting

"I managed to snag a ticket before and came to watch the recording. The live show is nicer to watch and there are many bonus scenes. A lot of the content would be cut out in the version of the show that gets aired."

"Was the security also so strict when you came previously? Even phones cannot be brought in?"

"No, that didn't happen. I could bring my phone in when I came last time. I have friends who came before as well for other episodes, but they didn't need to hand in their phones either."

"Then why are they so strict this time?"

"I'm guessing the mystery guests for this episode must be especially impressive."

"True. This show has always treated the secrecy of the mystery guests with high importance. There has been no news of any leaks for this season so far, but the previous two seasons had, especially for the finale episodes, where a lot of things were leaked."

“Did you have to sign a confidentiality agreement for the episode you went to previously?”

“Yeah. It seems as if for this season, the production team has learned their lesson from the previous two seasons and decided that every episode should come with a confidentiality agreement.”

“I remember now. For the episode which Lu Man shot previously, netizens were avidly discussing who the mystery guests would be. The audience that had already watched the recording knew who the mystery guests were, but none of them spoke a word about it.”

“Yeah. It was because of that confidentiality agreement, that’s why no one dared to say it.”

“That episode did not collect people’s phones, right?”

“I think so. I didn’t hear anyone complaining online during that episode. I will definitely go online and complain about handing in our phones after the recording today.”

“Yeah, I just bought a new phone this year. It’s pretty expensive, but it got taken away just like that.”

“Yet you still came in to watch? Your love for this show is real.”

“I’m just curious.”

“I’m also pretty curious. I really don’t know who they invited this time for them to make it such a big deal.”

At this moment, the lights in the venue dimmed, leaving only the lights on the stage on.

It was at this moment that one of the staff led Xia Qingwei to the most central seat in the first row of the audience seats discreetly.

It was so low-key that no one noticed.

The countdown began on the big screen.

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The numbers flipped and sponsorship advertisements started to play on screen, as well as the show’s opening scene.

After that, sound from the backstage rang out. “Let us welcome the emcee, Fan Yue!”

The big screen split into two, revealing the walkway.

Fan Yue walked out and greeted, “Hello, everyone, welcome to Classic X Files, proudly sponsored by the fantaX10 phone! I am the emcee, Fan Yue!”

The audience was cooperative and clapped enthusiastically.

“This episode is the finale episode for Classic X Files. We will be airing the show for a special extended duration of two hours!”

The audience was shocked. "Two hours?"

"That's so long!"

"Looks like the production team this time is really prepared! I wonder who the mystery guests they invited are!"

The guests were expected as the production team had already publicized the names of the guest artistes before the recording.

"First, let us welcome our teacher from the Classics team!" Fan Yue said.

The actors from classic television shows in the past came out one by one and introduced themselves.

"Next, let us welcome our guests from the Challenge team, Jiang Yuhan!"

"Lu Man!"

"Lin Yantao!"

The three of them went up in this sequence. No matter how unhappy Jiang Yuhan was about Lu Man entering the stage after her, she still maintained a smile on stage.

The first few segments at the start of the show were regular segments that did not have anything out of the ordinary.

Lin Yantao's stylish image and flirting skills were not bad, making the female audience members at the scene scream and exclaim endlessly for him.

Chapter 1179: Everyone Makes Mistakes

Lu Man's knack for variety had already been proven previously and she did not disappoint this time as well.

Zheng Yikun was a comedian to begin with. His words would always have punchlines that could make the audience break out in laughter.

Jiang Yuhan was the only one who could not let go of herself to play the games and be funny, and she did not want to act ugly because of her idol image. In the end, the effect she brought was not great at all.

"What is this? It's a pity we can't fast-forward the show when we're watching it live. I really can't stand watching Jiang Yuhan. She is so boring, she's so stiff and unexciting even when playing a game."

"Exactly. Look at Lu Man. She's prettier than Jiang Yuhan and she's hitting the toy hammer with so much energy. She even rolls on the floor when she gets into her performance."

Fortunately, Jiang Yuhan's acting skills were still reliable.

In the acting segment, Jiang Yuhan did not make any mistakes and finally redeemed a few points for herself.

"Next, we will play a short advertisement and we'll be right back in five minutes," Fan Yue said.

“It’s coming, it’s coming. It’s the mystery guest segment now!” The audience cheered excitedly.

“My heart is beating fast already. What is going on?”

“Me too.” The person beside rubbed his hands together. “Lu Man invited Sun Yiwu, Ji Cheng, and Du Lin as her mystery guests previously. I wonder who she has invited this time?”

“I think she might not be able to find a super bigshot this time around. She probably didn’t expect the production team to invite her again, so she just invited Sun Yiwu, Ji Cheng, and Du Lin all at once the previous time. I think she was too reckless. She should have left at least one person out so that the mystery guest she invites this time will not lose to those that she had invited before.”

“I think so too. The buzz she created was huge last time. The audience will naturally have high expectations of her. However, given her connections within the industry, the people she knows are not many. Not just within her social circles, just looking at the industry as a whole, Sun Yiwu and Ji Cheng are already the best in the industry. It’s very hard to find someone else who can rival their status. The third episode had actually been the best of all the episodes so far.”

“Lu Man miscalculated. If she had invited Sun Yiwu and Du Lin, or Ji Cheng and Du Lin, and then invited either one of them for this episode, the buzz and hype created might not be as shocking as the previous time, but at least it would be balanced.”

“Actually, the previous time was mainly because everyone did not have high expectations of Lu Man. It was only the appearance of Sun Yiwu and the other two guests that had shocked everyone. Even if she did what you said, the effect might not be as balanced.”

“Who would have thought that Lu Man would also have times when she miscalculated? I always thought that she was so smart and never made any mistakes.”

“Hah, Lu Man is still human no matter how awesome she is. Everyone makes mistakes because they’re human.”

“I think the most high-profile mystery guest is invited by Lin Yantao. Lin Yantao has been in the industry for so long. As a deserving A-list male celebrity, the mystery guest he brought will surely be worth looking forward to.”

“It’s starting!” the audience members exclaimed, seeing as the advertisement on the big screen had ended.

Fan Yue appeared and greeted the audience again. “Welcome back. We will begin our last segment of the show, the Mystery Guest Show!”

“Let’s welcome the first team of guests, Jiang Yuhan, Shen Cang!”

“The first pair that appeared is actually Jiang Yuhan and Shen Cang?” The audience was shocked.

Those who came all this way to watch the show were all loyal fans. They knew the routine practices of the production team for Classic X Files. The production team would always put the most impressive and awesome pair at the end for the finale.

Chapter 1180: Lu Man Takes the Stage



The first in line was obviously the one with the least influence amongst the three of them.

However, Shen Cang was still considered a recognized actor. No one expected him to come out first.

The audience still thought that the first person to appear on stage would be Lu Man.

“Could it be that the mystery guest Lu Man found is even more impressive than Shen Cang?”

However, after Jiang Yuhan and Shen Cang left the stage and Fan Yue came up to introduce the second pair, it was actually Lin Yantao and Zhang Sen who came out!

“What the f\*ck?! What is going on?? If Lin Yantao and Zhang Sen are second, does that mean Lu Man will be the last to come up again?”

“Who did she find this time?”

“Could it be someone comparable to Sun Yiwu and Ji Cheng?”

“That’s just too amazing!”

“How did Lu Man do it?”

“It’s starting!”

The audience was still looking forward to watching Lin Yantao and Zhang Sen’s performance very much. Hence, no matter how many questions they had, they still quietened down to watch their performance.

Lin Yantao and Zhang Sen did not disappoint. After the pair finished their performance, the audience clapped enthusiastically for them.

Everyone thought that Jiang Yuhan’s acting skills were not bad among the popular starlets.

After her performance with Shen Cang, the audience did think that she acted pretty well.

However, after they saw Lin Yantao and Zhang Sen’s performance, they did not find Jiang Yuhan’s performance comparable at all!

Luckily, Jiang Yuhan performed before Lin Yantao did, so it was still passable.

If she were placed behind Lin Yantao, then she would really have had no show.

“Who knows who Lu Man invited? Still, though, placing her behind Lin Yantao is really quite a disadvantage for her.”

“Yeah, Lin Yantao’s performance is way too good.”

Fan Yue came up on stage again.

“Why do I feel like Fan Yue feels a little different this time around?”

“He seems unusually confident and pompous. He’s also trembling a little.”

“Wow, you’re really observant.”

Fan Yue took a deep breath and was actually trembling a little. "Next, let us welcome the third pair up on stage!"

Right after saying that, Fan Yue was especially excited when getting off the stage. He almost forgot how to walk!

The lights on stage completely went out.

The staff took the chance when Fan Yue was talking to quickly change the props on stage.

Before the lights went on, the sound of melodious and soothing music, tinged with a hint of melancholy, could be heard playing from a violin.

"Oh my heavens! This sounds amazing!"

"A live violin performance? Is this a soundtrack?!"

"I'm not into music, but I feel that it's way better than what is considered good."

"Yeah, just listening to this makes me feel like crying."

"Oh my, this reminds me of my first love."

Following that, a single spotlight fell on stage.

"It's Lu Man!"

That flash of light shone on Lu Man, bringing her into view.

Lu Man was seen standing beside a wooden square table, donning a cheongsam, looking dignified rather than alluring.

The light shone a little on the spot beside her. However, there was no one beside Lu Man.

"How come it's only Lu Man? Where's the mystery guest?" The audience was shocked.

Right after that, they heard Lu Man slowly say, "I met you at the best moment. You are my lucky star."

"Alas, I don't have time left."

"It's not illegal to like someone, but I can only stop at liking."

Lu Man merely fluttered her eyelids slightly, but every single detail of this could clearly be seen from the big screen behind her.

With these slight movements, her eyes had already reddened.

She seemed calm on the surface but was, in fact, suppressing her emotions deep down. She professed her love after falling in love, but she had to let go of this love from then on.

It brought out her strong pride and fragility borne from love.

On Lu Man's youthful face, the dilemma and complexity she felt was displayed to their fullest.