

Mr Han 1301

Chapter 1301: Subconsciously Touched His Face

Not to mention Greedy Wolf Operation and Red Tiger.

Both directors attended an episode of Classic X Files, and both episodes that Lu Man was in had had record-breaking viewership ratings.

There was even a saying that went, "Only Lu Man could break her own records."

And when one thought about it, that was indeed the case.

The box-office sales for Greedy Wolf Operation was unbroken by anyone else before Red Tiger came out.

And no one managed to surpass the record set by Red Tiger now that it had outperformed Greedy Wolf Operation.

Similarly, the episode of Classic X Files that Lu Man had appeared in had had the highest viewership ever, and the season finale where she showed up again had had even better ratings than that previous episode she starred in. It was likely that nobody in the future could exceed that.

So now, everyone felt that only Lu Man herself could outdo herself.

Who could guess if she could break her own record if she attended another variety show?

Truly, the viewership ratings were so shockingly high, they even doubted Lu Man herself could beat it easily.

But this, too, also highlighted Lu Man's achievements from when she just entered the industry.

So what if others entered the industry earlier than she did?

They couldn't have achieved what she had.

If it was like Liang Chengbing had said and the award was to be given based on seniority, then what was the point of the award?

Even if he was commenting on other awards and they were also supposed to be based on the length of experience, then what was the point of choosing winners?

One deserved to win just because they had entered the showbiz early and had put in lots of effort?

As if everyone else did not work hard.

Though this was their innermost thoughts, no one really rebuked him.

Only to hear Wang Shuyi snicker while saying, "True, I must be an idiot to have asked this question."

"If I must say, both Yuhan and Luna have better chances than Lu Man. Fu Kaiqi and Chang Yachen are also not bad." Liang Chengbing lifted his chin. "Let's hear the results."

Just then, Dong Qinrong took out her card. "And the Best Newcomer Award goes to..."

“Lu Man!” Dong Qinrong announced loudly with a smile.

After he heard the announced name, Liang Chengbing’s face twisted into an ugly grimace of anger and surprise.

How could they really award it to Lu Man?!

There must have been some real bias there!

Why did Lu Man deserve to win?!

He’d just said that Lu Man winning was impossible, and in the blink of an eye, the award was given to Lu Man!

Liang Chengbing’s face was frozen and he subconsciously raised his hand to touch it.

Both Chang Yachen and Fu Kaiqi were calm as, after the nomination, they both knew in their hearts that the award was likely to be Lu Man’s.

They were different from Qiao Luna and Jiang Yuhan. Chang Yachen and Fu Kaiqi had joined the Chinese Arts Championships with Lu Man and witnessed first-hand Lu Man’s acting chops.

The awards given in this movie festival were judged based on either experience, popularity, or acting skills.

Lu Man’s acting skills were indeed great, and both of them admitted it. There’s nothing worth getting upset over when the award’s given to Lu Man.

Qiao Luna and Jiang Yuhan could only watch as the spotlight shone on Lu Man while the screen on stage showed a close-up of her.

Both of them automatically looked towards Liang Chengbing.

Didn’t he say that Lu Man couldn’t win and they both had better chances?

Liang Chengbing got uncomfortable under their gazes, barely stopping himself from saying, “What are you staring at?!”

It wasn’t even judged by him!

What he said did not count!

If what he’d said really mattered, he definitely would not have awarded it to Lu Man!

Meanwhile, all the cameras were on Lu Man, and all around her were sounds of congratulations.

When Lu Man stood, Xia Qingwei and Wang Juhuai followed as well, giving Lu Man a hug.

“Congrats, Man Man!” Xia Qingwei said happily.

She felt that Lu Man really deserved the award.

Chapter 1302: A Dilemma

But Xia Qingwei was afraid of spoiling Lu Man's reputation, afraid that people would say Lu Man was arrogant, so she did not dare say it aloud.

But Wang Juhuai did not have such concerns as he was hugging Lu Man lightly. When they parted, he gave her a thumbs-up. "You deserve it!"

If Wang Juhuai said so, no one else would dare to voice a different opinion, would they?

Lu Man sat in the first row, so the guests behind her also shook her hands in felicitations.

Even if they did not know Lu Man personally, they were very warm towards her because of Wang Juhuai.

When Lu Man was done shaking hands with the people near her, Han Zhuoli also stood up.

Lu Man turned around and looked at him, surprised.

In a bid to protect her, worried that people in the entertainment industry would regard Lu Man's achievements as due to him, and also worried that she would be harassed at school...

Han Zhuoli had kept resisting the urge to go public with their relationship.

He thought of and did all he could for her, and more.

Actually, Lu Man did too.

This man had had such a hard time enduring, and Lu Man knew it, feeling that it was extremely unfair for Han Zhuoli.

She did not mind going public with their relationship, unafraid of any positive or negative impact that it might bring to her in the future.

She could endure any good and bad, as long as she was with him.

He could suffer by himself, always hiding in the dark, all for her.

And she could be in the light with him, for him.

It was just that she always understood his rationale for doing this.

It was for her own good, and she could not bear to disappoint him.

On one hand, trying to do as he wished; on the other hand, trying to find an opportunity to go public.

Both parties had to contribute when in a relationship.

She could not bear it if he was the only one giving while she always took.

Yet now, Han Zhuoli actually stood up.

Everyone at the venue saw Han Zhuoli stand.

When Lu Man first encountered a difficulty, Han Zhuoli had yet to enter the picture.

When he finally came, Wang Juhuai had already brought Xia Qingwei to back Lu Man up.

When Lu Man came over, Han Zhuoli then heard from Wang Juhuai about Lu Man being ostracized.

Though hearing it was not as real as witnessing it, Han Zhuoli was furious nonetheless.

They dared to bully Lu Man precisely because they thought she was a good target.

He couldn't help but wonder whether he was wrong to keep his marriage to Lu Man under wraps.

For Lu Man's sake, so that she won't be harassed at school and be denied of her achievements, so that she won't be overshadowed by the Han surname...

He knew that if they went public with their relationship, people would gossip, and whatever achievements she had attained because of her own ability would become achievements due to Han Zhuoli!

But without Han Zhuoli's help, she would be nothing.

Han Zhuoli did not want Lu Man's hard work to be denied just like this.

But then, this had both advantages and disadvantages.

The good would obviously be that Lu Man's efforts could be seen by everyone.

But the bad side would be that some people would think Lu Man was an easy target and anyone could bully her.

Because he cared, he was in a dilemma.

A man who was always so decisive was now hesitating about making their relationship known.

Because he wanted the best for Lu Man and not let her suffer any harm.

Yet no matter what he chose, it would never be perfect.

Han Zhuoli never thought that he would one day be someone who brought harm to Lu Man.

This was what he could not accept no matter what.

What he wished to do now was to present to the world Lu Man's importance to him, so people would not underestimate her.

Chapter 1303: How Can I Let You Take the Initiative for This Type of Matter?

Among the front rows' cheering, Lu Man and Han Zhuoli's standing together was extremely eye-catching.

Lu Man was the star of the award while Han Zhuoli was the star of the whole venue.

Yet when they stood together, they seemed so compatible.

Most attendees had no idea of their relationship, so they shook their heads in denial, feeling that they were overthinking.

When Liang Chengbing saw them, the scene felt familiar to him.

A scene he was well acquainted with flashed through his mind.

He finally knew what the thought he previously couldn't grasp was.

During the road blockage, Han Zhuoli had said that his father- and mother-in-law were living in that sealed-off neighborhood.

Wang Juhuai and Xia Qingwei were there too!

And the woman standing beside Han Zhuoli was wearing a baseball cap and sunglasses, obscuring her features.

But looking at Lu Man's silhouette now as she was standing beside Han Zhuoli, he felt that she looked increasingly like the woman back then.

Could she have been Lu Man, then?!

Shocked, Liang Chengbing immediately denied it in his heart.

Impossible!

It couldn't be Lu Man!

How could it be Lu Man?!

If it was really Lu Man, why didn't Han Zhuoli stand up for her these past few incidents?

Why didn't Lu Man go public with their relationship?

Based on Lu Man's smugness, with such a big backer like Han Zhuoli, how could Lu Man not have used him?

Not use Han Zhuoli to impress others?

He didn't believe that anyone would be that foolish and low-key!

So it definitely couldn't be Lu Man!

Liang Chengbing could only comfort himself this way.

Meanwhile, Lu Man was smiling at Han Zhuoli.

Han Zhuoli looked at her tenderly, having the barest hint of a hunch.

Lu Man had already stepped forward and hugged him.

Both arms around his neck, this was an action she was very used to, an action repeated countless times before.

Everyone was stunned.

My goodness!

Isn't Lu Man too brazen?!

Is she trying to make some scandals about being with Han Zhuoli while she is an award-winner?

“How shameless!” Qiao Luna spat.

Many others were shaking their heads, feeling that Lu Man went overboard.

But what happened next caused everyone to disbelieve their eyes.

Not only did Han Zhuoli not push away Lu Man, he actually hugged her waist naturally.

His movements were so smooth, as if it had been done a thousand times over, not a hint of awkwardness anywhere.

What’s more, he smiled down at Lu Man, not a trace of anger in his face.

“You’ve thought about it?” Han Zhuoli asked softly, his pair of dark eyes looking at her, overflowing with warmth.

“Yes.” Lu Man nodded. “I don’t want to be so secretive. You’re so brilliant, you don’t belong in the dark. I want to let everyone know that you’re my husband and I’m your wife. I’m not afraid of rumors, I don’t care what they say about me, be it good or bad. I only care about you, and for any other important events just like this, I want to hold your hand as we walk the red carpet. I want to sit with you, and I want to be photographed with you publicly.”

Each and every one of her words struck him on the heart.

She knew all about his considerations for her.

And she was always being considerate of him as well.

Both of them were always thinking about the other party.

“How can I let you take the initiative for this type of matter?” Han Zhuoli said.

Lu Man did not understand, and while still in her confusion, Han Zhuoli already slanted his head.

Han Zhuoli’s hands were wrapped around her waist, and he suddenly lifted her up.

Lu Man was surprised and let out a little yelp.

But her exclamation was already drowned out by the collective drawn breath of everyone in the venue.

Han Zhuoli carried her with an arm, strong enough to hold her securely against him.

Chapter 1304: This Is Such an Explosive News!

His other hand grabbed the back of her head.

Lu Man was lifted into the air, and with a palm exerting a slight pressure on her head, Lu Man naturally bent down.

Really, it was because he did this move so often, his actions were fluent.

And Lu Man had built a good rapport with him.

Han Zhuoli smiled lightly and, in full view of everyone, kissed Lu Man on the lips.

The overall director for the award ceremony was so shocked, he could not react for a few moments.

When he finally recovered, he instantly asked the technical director to focus all the cameras on Lu Man's and Han Zhuoli's faces. "Close-shot! Give me a close-shot! A huge close-up shot! Godd*mn this is explosive! The clickthrough rates for tonight's award ceremony will be over the roof! Godd*mn!"

Truly... no matter what event Lu Man joined, that event would be hot news.

One couldn't help but be impressed!

She managed to create such a spectacle just by attending an award ceremony tonight.

How explosive!

The cameramen themselves had yet to recover their wits.

The director spoke for a long time before they pulled themselves together and aimed their respective cameras over at the couple.

Goodness gracious!

Lu Man and Han Zhuoli!

When did those two get together?!

What's their relationship?

Some were quick-thinking and recalled that Han Zhuoli and Lu Man had made separate announcements regarding their marriages.

But at that time, no one thought to connect them both together!

Could the two of them be husband and wife?!

What luck Lu Man had!

With Wang Juhuai as her stepfather and Han Zhuoli as her husband...

Even if she was originally born with a lousy father called Lu Qiyuan...

Afterward, she became so impressive!

Qiao Luna's and Jiang Yuhan's faces had the gloomiest and angriest expression ever.

How... how did Lu Man...

Previously, they'd thought that Lu Man had no background, and out popped Wang Juhuai.

Then, they thought that Lu Man had nothing else impressive apart from Wang Juhuai, and out came another called Han Zhuoli!

It was Han Zhuoli!

Qiao Luna felt the strongest urge to curse.

Go to hell!

How could she bully others like that!

Han Zhuoli was a d*mn big bug! A glitch in their plans!

With Han Zhuoli around, wouldn't Lu Man dominate the whole entertainment industry?

Before going open with their relationship, Lu Man was already good enough to thrash all of her opponents.

Now, with Han Zhuoli beside her, who was Lu Man going to be afraid of in the future?

Wouldn't she be the big boss in the entertainment industry then, domineering everyone?

Wang Shuyi's and Zhang Lun's faces were pale beyond description.

Especially Wang Shuyi. Apart from being Zhang Lun's disciple, he had no other accomplishments.

He was trying to butter up everyone and anyone to get support.

In the end, he'd offended Han Zhuoli and his wife first-hand.

Wang Shuyi's expression was one that was worse than crying. He so wanted to slap himself hard.

Zhang Lun gritted his teeth so hard, regret churning in his gut.

He finally understood why the film scheduling by the Han Corporation for *Fighting Hero* back then was so pathetic.

He was competing with Han Zhuoli's wife—and wouldn't Han Zhuoli obviously help his wife?

D*mn it!

Lu Man this gal—too troublesome, too infuriating!

But the one worst-off now should be Liang Chengbing.

Meanwhile, Liang Chengbing's face was extremely pale, and he could not even attempt to bluff himself.

If one were to still claim now that Lu Man and Han Zhuoli had no relations whatsoever, not only was the person blind, he was also an idiot!

"Director Liang?" Someone at the side saw that Liang Chengbing's countenance wasn't at all well and was afraid he would faint for real.

Liang Chengbing gritted his teeth, unable to say if he was afraid or had increased hatred of Lu Man.

Zhang Xiaoying and Ni Xue also attended this award ceremony.

But both of them sat nearer to the back, and when they saw Lu Man and Han Zhuoli, their eyes grew wide.

Chapter 1305: How Shameless!

Zhang Xiaoying then recalled that there were rumors about Lu Man having a sugar daddy circulating in the school.

Until the Han Family came out and clarified for Lu Man, and later on, Lu Man's fiancée frequently came to fetch Lu Man from school.

The Han Family back then—could it have been Han Zhuoli's mother and that Old Mrs. Han?

Zhang Xiaoying finally realized the status and importance of the people they'd faced back then.

What's more, it was Han Zhuoli who personally went to fetch Lu Man, and they did not even recognize him!

So ever since the beginning, Lu Man's boyfriend, fiancée, and her now-husband had always been Han Zhuoli alone!

When they previously saw Han Zhuoli publishing his marriage announcement on the web coupled with a picture of the couple holding their marriage certs, they immediately denied that the other party was Lu Man because of the different rings on their hands.

And in the end?

They all thought wrong!

Meanwhile...

In the school hostel...

Zhuang Tingting was watching the live-stream of the award ceremony on her tablet.

And when she saw the huge close-up shot of Lu Man winning the Best Newcomer Award.

Zhuang Tingting felt that all her organs were compressing together from her intense jealousy.

What's worse, before she could express her opinions to the other occupants in the room, she saw Lu Man hug Han Zhuoli's neck!

Zhuang Tingting blustered, "Lu Man's such a sl*t! Suddenly hugging Han Zhuoli in an event like that, she's just trying to force Han Zhuoli into a scandal with her!"

Fan Xiyue was watching the live-stream too, and she immediately replied, "But Han Zhuoli's already married, and he himself had gone public with the news. Does Lu Man want to be scolded by others by being like this?"

"What's the big deal with that when Lu Man's so crafty? She'd weighed the costs and benefits for sure," Yu Jingxian said calmly. "This thing will increase her popularity and topicality far more than any negative impacts, so she chose to do it."

"But wouldn't she fear Han Zhuoli's retaliation next time? Han Zhuoli's not one to be taken advantage of," Fan Xiyue shot back.

“Lu Man probably felt invincible with Wang Juhuai as a stepfather around. I’ve heard that Wang Juhuai and Han Zhuoli’s father were good friends, and he always had a good relationship with the Han Family. With such relations, even if Han Zhuoli’s angry, he wouldn’t do anything to Lu Man if Wang Juhuai pleads,” Yu Jingxian said.

“Pooh! How shameless!” Zhuang Tingting ground her teeth in anger. “How utterly audacious and brazen! Using any underhanded means just to get famous. How disgusting!”

“Precisely!” Fan Xiyue saw red. “This type of person still has fans defending her. After seeing her acting so shamelessly, see who’ll still support her! Han Zhuoli should just push her away. How brash!”

“Most importantly, Han Zhuoli’s already married. Although it’s common for many women to throw themselves at Han Zhuoli, married or not, because of his status, they’d still have some considerations, at least in public. Lu Man is too brazen.” Yu Jingxian pursed her lips in disdain. “As if she can’t wait anymore.”

“My god! Han Zhuoli must be mad!” Fan Xiyue shrieked.

“What is it?” Yu Jingxian and Zhuang Tingting looked at her curiously.

“Y’all... y’all look at the screen!” Fan Xiyue sat at the upper bunk, tablet on her knees, a finger pointing at the screen, which was trembling from her anger.

Yu Jingxian and Zhuang Tingting looked back at their own laptop and tablet screens.

Only to see Han Zhuoli pick Lu Man up to kiss her!

Chapter 1306: Got Slapped with the Truth Suddenly

“Crazy! Utter madness! Han Zhuoli must be crazy!” Zhuang Tingting screeched. “He’s actually kissing Lu Man! Oh my god!”

Han Zhuoli and Lu Man were still kissing deeply on their screens.

To be more precise, Han Zhuoli was kissing Lu Man deeply.

Lu Man was held tightly by Han Zhuoli, unable to do anything.

And Han Zhuoli was still unwilling to let her go.

Fan Xiyue suddenly turned around stiffly, an expression of disbelief on her face. “Guys... Could Lu Man actually be Han Zhuoli’s wife?”

“If we think about it, the timings when Han Zhuoli and Lu Man announced their engagement and marriage were very close to one another. And didn’t Han Zhuofeng call Lu Man sister-in-law? He’s also a Han. Han Zhuoli, Han Zhuofeng. Sounds just like a pair of brothers,” Fan Xiyue analyzed, her thoughts clear as day all of a sudden.

“Impossible! The rings are different!” Zhuang Tingting was deadset on her opinion, refusing to admit the truth.

Yu Jingxian said snidely, "So what? Her wedding ring is so obnoxious, it's inconvenient wearing it outside. It'd be normal for her to wear a different one outside."

"Even if Lu Man's shameless, Han Zhuoli's no fool either. He never had any scandals, and the only news about his relationship, engagement, and marriage, after all those years being single, was released by himself. If it had nothing to do with Lu Man, Han Zhuoli wouldn't be like this," Yu Jingxian said, breaking it down calmly.

Zhuang Tingting was beyond incensed, glaring at the screen.

Lu Man was held by Han Zhuoli, looking so lovely and pliable. The cameras were giving them both extremely close shots, and the love and adoration on Han Zhuoli's face could not be hidden.

The love between them was rolling out in thick waves and emitting through the screens, undoubtable.

Zhuang Tingting was green with jealousy.

Just then, someone rapped noisily on their door.

Zhuang Tingting, who was on the lower bunk, went to open the door, only to see her female classmates all gathered on the doorway. "Lu Man's really with Han Zhuoli?"

"How are we to know?" Zhuang Tingting snapped.

Yuan Menghan then said, "Right! We could ask Zheng Yuan, the! Zheng Yuan and the others are usually sticking close with Lu Man."

Zhuang Tingting sneered, "How would they know? Lu Man never truly treats them as friends."

Alas, the moment she closed her mouth, Zhao Zilin was standing by Zheng Yuan's dormitory and shouting towards them, "It's true! Zheng Yuan, they've known it for a long time!"

Zhao Zilin shouted as she ran, "Pan Xue said that when Lu Man hadn't married Han Zhuoli yet, which was the period when the rumours were circulating in school, Lu Man and Han Zhuoli had treated them to a meal. They knew it then that Lu Man's fiancée is Han Zhuoli, but they also kept the secret for Lu Man."

The moment she said that, everyone looked towards Zhuang Tingting.

She got slapped with the truth unexpectedly.

Zhuang Tingting was just saying that Lu Man had never treated Zheng Yuan and the others as friends and would have kept the secret from them as well.

Turned out the three of them already had a meal with Han Zhuoli before!

Lu Man really regarded the three of them as close friends!

Not keeping the news secret from them and even bringing them to meet Han Zhuoli.

No matter what, the three of them had appeared favorably in front of Han Zhuoli before.

If they were to work for the Han Corporation or film some dramas or movies, Han Zhuoli would surely help them.

Everyone could not help but turn towards Zhuang Tingting again.

She and Yu Jingxian tagged behind Zhang Xiaoying for so many years, always fussing around her, but Zhang Xiaoying had never helped them in any way.

Chapter 1307: You're So Wise

But look at Lu Man. She was still a new student at the school when she brought Zheng Yuan and her other friends to meet Han Zhuoli.

Although Lu Man was not here physically, the slap of truth resounded so loudly.

Zhuang Tingting's face paled and purpled before she turned around and went back to her dormitory.

Lu Dongliu was having a gathering with his production team, drinking beer and barbecuing meat in a small restaurant.

In that noisy restaurant, there hung a television, and it was playing the live-stream of the film festival award ceremony.

Chi Xingrui was facing the TV, and when he spotted Han Zhuoli with Lu Man, he couldn't help but spit out his mouthful of beer.

Spraying the whole table.

Lu Dongliu: "..."

"Director Lu, look! Look at the TV!" Chi Xingrui's hands were shaking from shock. Pointing at the TV, he stammered, "It's Lu... Lu Lu Lu Lu..."

"Lu what?" Lu Dongliu sat with his back facing the television, but he did manage to catch that Lu Man had won the Best Newcomer Award. "I knew she won the Best Newcomer Award. She deserves it, in my opinion."

"It's not that. She and Han... Han Han..." Chi Xingrui was so startled he couldn't even form a complete sentence.

Their colleagues at the side were dumbfounded. "Di Di Di... Director Lu..."

"What's wrong with you all? Cat got your tongues?" Lu Dongliu pursed his lips, turning leisurely to look at the TV.

"Plunk!"

Everyone turned around to be greeted with the sight of Lu Dongliu falling off his chair.

Oh sh*t!

Lu Man and Han Zhuoli!

Lu Man's current popularity had yet to reach its peak.

The grandpas and uncles who frequent this small restaurant had no idea who she was, and who Han Zhuoli was, even less so.

The few youngsters beside their tables, on the other hand, were surprised. "My gosh! Lu Man and Han Zhuoli! Lu Man's too surprising!"

"Goodness, with Han Zhuoli! Didn't Han Zhuoli announced that he's married?"

"Stup*d! Don't you understand? His wife's Lu Man! Lu Man also said before that she's married!"

"D*mn, that means Lu Man's gonna dominate the entertainment industry in the future, doesn't it?"

"No need to wait, she already does!"

"I suddenly feel bad for those who made trouble for Lu Man. Don't know if they're regretting their choices now or not."

"Regret? More likely trembling from fear. That's actually Han Zhuoli."

"My god..." Chi Xingrui finally stopped stuttering, though he still looked shell-shocked. "Director Lu, you're so wise!"

Everyone else nodded, feeling lucky to have escaped a possible future ordeal. "Luckily you treated Lu Man courteously and even chose to give up Liang Chengbing for her. Our program might have been ruined otherwise."

"Now that you mentioned Liang Chengbing, I think he's gonna be ruined."

"Regardless of whether Han Zhuoli intervened or not, this time around, Liang Chengbing didn't have any awards. He was not even nominated."

Lu Dongliu portrayed his mixed emotions. "I merely thought that Lu Man has a bright future and wanted to do her a favor. Who knew that she was actually Han Zhuoli's wife? This lass has such a huge backer but never boasted of it even once. She's too low-key."

"Heh, who knows how many people fell into a trap because of her modesty?" Chi Xingrui's words reminded everyone of Xing Ke Station.

Chief Hu was watching the news at home, not the least bit interested in the award ceremony. He would just watch the news after the ceremony ended to know who won what award so that he could decide on who to invite for the next program at Xing Ke Station. That was it.

Chapter 1308: Sudden Chest Ache

But Chief Hu's daughter, Hu Yueran, was Lu Hancheng's fan, and she also liked a few other "little fresh meats." So, to get her fill of their delectable figures and faces, she watched the live-stream on her computer in her bedroom.

Chief Hu was still watching the news when he was startled by a loud shriek emitted by Hu Yueran and hurried over with Mrs. Hu to take a look.

He was met halfway by Hu Yueran, who had charged out of her room.

“Dad, Dad!” Hu Yueran rushed over with a stunned expression.

“What is it? Shouting so loudly.” Seeing that Hu Yueran was fine otherwise, Chief Hu relaxed.

“Dad, it’s Lu Man! Come and see!” Hu Yueran dragged Chief Hu to the computer without further ado.

Hu Yueran knew about the conflict between Xing Ke Station and Lu Man.

During that period, Chief Hu had talked about his work regarding Lu Man over dinner.

“What’s with Lu Man?” Chief Hu was unenthused, “I don’t like to look at her. I think she’s irritating.”

“It’s not that!” Hu Yueran pressed. “Come and see, Dad, you’ll regret it if you don’t.”

Chief Hu glared at her before looking towards the screen.

And what greeted his eyes blew his mind.

Lu Man and Han Zhuoli?

“Lu Man has just won the Best Newcomer Award,” Hu Yueran explained at the side.

“People around her started congratulating her, and I was surprised when even Han Zhuoli stood up. I thought, how big is Wang Juhuai’s prestige that even Han Zhuoli’d stand up and personally congratulate Lu Man? But in the next instant, Lu Man was hugging Han Zhuoli, and he never pushed her away.

“The camera didn’t have a close-up shot then, so I only saw Lu Man saying something to Han Zhuoli, and then it became like this...” Hu Yueran pointed at the screen.

Han Zhuoli was holding and kissing Lu Man.

Just then, Chief Hu’s phone rang.

One glance told him it was Assistant Chief Wang calling. “Old Hu, did you watch the award ceremony yet?”

“If you’re referring to the thing about Lu Man and Han Zhuoli, I’ve seen it,” Chief Hu said through gritted teeth. All of a sudden, his chest ached terribly and left him breathless.

“What do we do now?” Assistant Chief Wang was panicking. “Our station picked on Lu Man severely—we have to quickly think of a solution to make amends! I was still wondering why we were failing to invite the artistes under the Han Corporation recently.”

Even though Lu Man and Han Zhuoli did not make their relationship public, Han Zhuoli had already had his revenge privately—he did nothing outwardly—when Xing Ke Station was bullying Lu Man.

Take the artistes, for example. Those under the Han Corporation rarely went for Xing Ke Station’s programs anymore.

Unless Xing Ke Station offered a high price, one so significantly high that the artiste couldn’t refuse. The Han Corporation wouldn’t stop their artistes from earning money, of course.

But if the offered shows were similar to other stations, they would not necessarily choose Xing Ke Station.

The Han Corporation's condition did not cost the artistes any losses.

Xing Ke Station was not the only one with popular variety shows nowadays, so no one complained.

Moreover, the company also stated that they were allowed to attend if Xing Ke Station offered a high price.

Since the artistes were not stopped from earning income, they were more than willing to comply.

Despite this, Xing Ke Station still suffered.

They couldn't afford such exorbitant prices either!

Hence, no artistes from the Han Corporation came.

Before that, they did not think that anything was wrong; they thought that it was because the artistes really couldn't make it because of their schedules. For who would think otherwise?

There were so many things to be busy with every day. No one had the time to wonder about all these coincidences and sort them out to realize the problem.

Now that Han Zhuoli and Lu Man had gone public with their relationship, Assistant Chief Wang suddenly saw things clearly, realizing that not a single artiste managed by the Han Corporation had actually come to Xing Ke Station during this period!

Chapter 1309: What Godd*mn Line-up Is This

They used to think it was mere coincidence, but thinking about it now, it's certainly not!

"Old Hu, is it too late if we were to apologize to Lu Man now?" Assistant Chief Wang questioned.

"What do you think?" Chief Hu snarled.

There must be a long queue of those wishing to apologize to Lu Man now.

"Whatever. If there's anything, we'll have a meeting tomorrow at the station. We'll discuss before taking any actions. My mind's in a jumble now, I can't think of anything," Chief Hu said.

Assistant Chief Wang thought similarly, but since tomorrow was a Saturday, he had to notify the others quickly to ready them for the meeting.

Hanging up, Chief Hu grabbed at his chest, feeling it hurt terribly.

"This Lu Man!" What a jinx!

"Are you alright, Old Hu?" Mrs. Hu went to support the frightfully pale Chief Hu, seeing that he was swaying on his feet, looking as if he was ready to faint at any time.

"I'm a bit dizzy, I'll just sit over there." Chief Hu was seriously shaken this time.

A similar thing occurred in Ge Guangzhen's home.

Unlike Chief Hu, Ge Guangzhen was watching the live-stream at home.

And then, he saw Lu Man and Han Zhuoli.

He didn't feel at all well at that moment.

Wasn't Lu Man making trouble for them?

If she had declared her relationship with Han Zhuoli earlier on, he wouldn't have provoked Lu Man no matter what!

The three who previously served as judges on the Chinese Arts Championships—Sun Changfang, Li Lingmei, and Liu Lijin—were currently with their respective production crews.

Because of the ruckus created during the Chinese Arts Championships, the three had suffered dents in their reputations, received fewer offers for dramas, and got less important roles.

They were watching the live-stream of the film festival in the hotel room provided by the production crew.

All at different locations, but their facial expressions changed simultaneously.

Lu Man and Han Zhuoli!

No wonder that, when they purposely gave Lu Man a low score back then, Han Zhuoli would personally invite Ma Xianghuan and Lian Fang over.

It was not about the Han Corporation's reputation, it was all for Lu Man!

Li Lingmei had already dialed Liu Lijin's number in a fluster. "You watched the film festival live-stream yet?"

Liu Lijin was grim. "I'm watching right now. I've seen it too."

"You think Han Zhuoli will take revenge on us?" Li Lingmei asked in dismay.

Liu Lijin was more calm and did not know if her words served to comfort Li Lingmei or herself. "If he wanted to, he would've done so by now. It's not like Han Zhuoli just got together with Lu Man today. He's had so much time before this, and he didn't do anything to us. He probably won't do so in the future."

Be that as it may, Han Zhuoli's and Lu Man's choice to go public with their relationship on the film festival's award ceremony truly threw many into a state.

It was even more lively on the Internet.

Many netizens became active on Weibo.

"Lu Man and Han Zhuoli, my god!"

"Are they married?"

"For sure. Or they wouldn't do this on the live-stream. They're not fools."

“Weren’t there plenty of guesses about who Han Zhuoli’s wife actually is? Well, the answer’s finally out.”

“But this answer is something I never expected. How did Lu Man actually meet Han Zhuoli?”

“Lu Man’s too unbelievable! It’s Han Zhuoli! Forgive my nonsensical gibberish, I can’t find any words to portray my current state of shock.”

“Lu Man’s really too incredible. Wang Juhuai is her stepfather, Han Zhuoli is her hubby. What godd*mn line-up is this!”

“...I think the day Lu Man rules the entertainment industry is just around the corner.”

Chapter 1310: As Long as You and I Are Together in the End

Within a short span of a minute, the topic “Han Zhuoli and Lu Man” topped the hot search charts. Furthermore, the label behind it was not “hot” but “explosive.”

Leave the heated discussions online aside first.

Right now, at the awards ceremony, Han Zhuoli finally let go of Lu Man.

Luckily, Shi Xiaoya had applied a layer of lip coat for Lu Man to prevent her lipstick from smudging during the long duration of the awards ceremony.

Despite Lu Man’s being kissed by Han Zhuoli, her lipstick did not really smudge and she still looked perfect.

Han Zhuoli put Lu Man down and actually took out a ring box from his pocket.

When he opened it, it was exactly the same as the biggest piece of Lu Man’s wedding ring.

Lu Man stared at him in shock. He actually brought that around with him everywhere and he never told her about it.

Han Zhuoli fitted that piece of the ring on Lu Man. The two pieces were finally united, just as it looked like in the photo Han Zhuoli had previously posted.

A few cameras were all focusing on Han Zhuoli.

When they saw that he took out the ring, one of the cameras immediately zoomed in for a close-up shot of it.

Now everyone could tell that that ring was probably the one that Han Zhuoli had publicly posted before.

Now that it had been put on Lu Man’s finger, what else was there to say?

“Go on.” Han Zhuoli lightly squeezed her hand and smoothed her hair.

Lu Man smiled at him and turned to look at Wang Juhuai and Xia Qingwei before lifting her dress and walking up the stage.

When she walked up to Dong Qinrong, she lowered her voice and apologized, “I’m sorry, I kept you waiting.”

Dong Qinrong smiled and shook her head. "It's nothing. This is good news. Congratulations."

Lu Man smiled and took over the award from Dong Qinrong's hands.

Dong Qinrong stepped back for Lu Man to take the stage.

Next, it was Lu Man's acceptance speech.

"I must have scared everyone just now off-stage." Lu Man smiled faintly. "I have many people to thank for being able to get this Newcomer Award. I want to thank my parents, who have always been supportive of me trying out acting as a career. I want to thank my father, Wang Juhuai. Everyone knows that he is my stepfather, but in my eyes, he is my real father, without the 'step' word in front. He is my only father. He never minded my background, and he treated me as if I were his biological daughter.

"I'm not sugarcoating my words. This is the most you can do even for your own biological daughter. He broke his own principles and ways of handling situations again and again for my sake, without complaint. He was the one who let me experience how it felt like to finally have fatherly love when I was already grown up. More than just thanking him, I am beyond grateful to him. I am thankful for him, for giving me a father I can be so proud of.

"I am very grateful that fate had let them meet each other again more than ten years after each of them divorced. Even if they took many turns, they managed to find each other and spend the rest of their lives together. When it comes to love, it is never too late, as long as you and I are together in the end.

"This is a bit off-topic now," Lu Man said and chuckled.

But she was precisely saying this on purpose.

She did not know if Lin Jinshu was watching the awards ceremony. If she was, that would be great.

Previously, Wang Juhuai had already made it clear that he and Lin Jinshu had divorced long ago.

However, she did not believe Lin Jinshu would give up just like that.

Why would a woman who pulled all sorts of dirty tricks to separate Wang Juhuai and Xia Qingwei back then and never once gave up for ten years after her divorce give up so easily now?

Lu Man would not believe it.

Hence, she decided to just use this chance on stage to give Lin Jinshu a slap on the face again!

Lin Jinshu was indeed watching the live telecast right now. When she saw that Lu Man had actually mentioned this during her acceptance speech, her face immediately turned pale with anger.